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PURGE OF MODERATE PEKING ELEMENTS?

KMT officials say Reds to end coalition INDO-CHINA ALLEGATION

Taipei, February 11.

Top Nationalist officials here predicted an early purge by the Communists of so-called Democratic elements in Peking.

The prediction was made on the basis of Nationalist intelligence reports from the Communist capital. These said the Reds had decided to abandon all pretence that the Peking regime was a coalition government.

End seen of Moscow stay

Moscow, February 11. The Soviet President Niko-
lai Shvernik yesterday re-
ceived Chou En-lai, Foreign
Minister of the Chinese Peo-
ple's Republic, at the Krem-
lin. Chou was accompanied by
the Chinese Ambassador,
Wang Chiao-hsiang. The Sec-
retary of the Presidium of
the Supreme Soviet, A. F.
Gorkin, was present.
The Chinese Communist
leader, Mao Tse-tung, and
Chou were given a big Krem-
lin reception on Thursday
night that may mean the end
of their long Moscow visit is
near.
At the reception was the
Deputy Premier, V. M. Mo-
lov, other Soviet Ministers
and trade officials of Russia
and other satellite states.
Stalin was not announced on
the guest list.—Associated
Press.

Twenty die in French rail crash

Paris, February 11.—
Twenty persons were killed
and 38 seriously injured today
when two Diesel trains crashed
in Southern France, the
French National Railroads an-
nounced.
The two trains collided head
on at 0.55 a.m. at Lez-le-
Loup, a small village about 30
miles North East of Toulouse.
The two trains were jammed
with workers.
One was bound from Toulouse
to Capdenne and the other from
Carmuz to Toulouse. They
should have passed in the sta-
tion of Gaillac but failed to do
so because of the lateness of one
of the trains.
Rescue crews were rushed from
Toulouse and local farmhouses
were turned into emergency first
aid posts.—United Press.

The Weather

At 0600 GMT (2 p.m. HKST) an in-
tensifying depression centred over
Ireland is moving NE, and from it's
low pressure extends SW across France
and on to a second depression over
the Atlantic. Pressure is relatively high
over N. China and the sea of Japan.
Today's Forecast—Moderate S. to
S.W. winds, 10 to 20 m.p.h. with
clouds, but no rain. Tomorrow's
Forecast—Moderate S. to S.W. winds,
10 to 20 m.p.h. with clouds, but no
rain. Wednesday's Forecast—Moderate
S. to S.W. winds, 10 to 20 m.p.h. with
clouds, but no rain. Thursday's
Forecast—Moderate S. to S.W. winds,
10 to 20 m.p.h. with clouds, but no
rain. Friday's Forecast—Moderate
S. to S.W. winds, 10 to 20 m.p.h. with
clouds, but no rain. Saturday's
Forecast—Moderate S. to S.W. winds,
10 to 20 m.p.h. with clouds, but no
rain. Sunday's Forecast—Moderate
S. to S.W. winds, 10 to 20 m.p.h. with
clouds, but no rain.

The reports—which might or might not be found-
ed on fact—alleged the so-called Democratic
personages who went to Peking to support
the Reds had no freedom of movement.

They declared that some
wanted to return to Hong Kong
but could not get the necessary
permits.
A few others, however, were
allowed to go to Hankow in Cen-
tral China.
The reports further alleged that
General Tsiang Kai-shek recently
appealed to relatives in Hong
Kong to send him money as he
could not make ends meet.
Tsiang is famed as the commander
of the 13th Route Army which
fought the Japanese in Shanghai
in 1937. Later he led a fruitless
rebellion at Fochow.

Escape through HK

The Education Minister, Han
Lih-wei, told the Associated Press
that teachers and students from
Red China continued to escape to
Nationalist territory through Hong
Kong.
He said a widespread sense of
fear and uncertainty prevailed
among scholars in Red China.
"Teachers and students," he
went on, "have to say what they
are told to say, to sign papers
against their volition and to at-
tend as dummies meetings and
parades which they loathe."

"Idolatry of the Russians as
friends and saviours has been
overdone and the widespread
unprecedented celebration of
Stalin's birthday with the Com-
munist regime giving each
student a bowl of noodles ex-
cited and hated."

"This sort of thing is against
the Chinese temperament."
"The people in Red China won-
der how long they have to suffer
all this."

Every day brings fresh specu-
lation in Taipei on reasons for the
Communist long stay in Moscow.
A survey in high quarters shows
these conclusions:
1—Mao has been there so long,
not so much because of difficulties
in the negotiations, but because of
the comprehensive, all-embracing
nature of the agreements being
worked on.
2—The only agreement likely to
be announced will be one of a
general nature, a treaty of friend-
ship and alliance, in which an
effort will be made to show that
Red China has acted as a sover-
eign state.
There is a general conviction
here that the Chinese Reds are
selling out their country in a big
way.

Guesswork

And in the meantime, various
reports going into detail appear
to be sheer guesswork. For ex-
ample, an intelligence re-
port says:
1—China is to supply Russia
with 5,000,000 able-bodied men
and 70,000,000 tons of food.
2—Free Soviet immigration into
Manchuria will be allowed, with
Russian settlers enjoying extra-
territorial rights.
3—The Soviet is granted the
right to station troops in Chinese
ports.
4—Soviet officers are to com-
mand Chinese armies.
5—All communications in China
are to be administered by Rus-
sians.

Shy cover girl



The Siamese film actress and cover girl Boosaratant (it means "Crystal Lotus") is a shy youngster who rarely does anything more publicly-conscious than visit the cinema. In Bangkok the cinema audience is more interested in the action than in the appearance of the actors and actresses. The producer's worry is that Boo's favourite hobby—singing—will push her out of her clothes and out of his films.—AP Photo.

Shipbuilding boom expected this year

(By Our Harbour Reporter)

Hong Kong shipbuilders expect a boom in local ship repair business in 1950.

Authoritative sources revealed yesterday that since British recognition of the Communist regime the Colony's shipyards have been deluged with enquiries for repairs and overhauling from both Chinese and foreign firms.

Consensus among shipping circles is that this is the pre-
lude to large-scale resumption
of the China Coast trade—"the
lull before the storm," to
quote a senior official of one
of Hong Kong's largest ship-
building organisations.
"The signs of the times today
are obvious. They indicate a
boom in ship repair business in
the immediate future," declared
a yard manager. He disclosed
there have been numerous
"feelers" for the possibilities of
putting laid-up ships, now in
Victoria Harbour, into dock pre-
paratory to resuming service
along the China Coast.
The deciding factor in the Na-
tionalist and blocs which is at
present restricting movement of
Chinese as well as foreign con-
tainers, the sources remarked.
"A boom in this aspect of the
Colony's shipbuilding industry is
inevitable once the China Coast
ports are open to safe trading."

The sources generally believe
that with the present adverse
political situation of the Kuom-
intang and the impending com-
munist threats of amphibious in-
vasions of its remaining strong-
holds, the ship will be eliminat-
ed within the first half of the
year. "And that is to over-
estimate the issue," an official
added.

Yards ready

Hong Kong is prepared for
the expected influx of laid-
up ships into the shipyards,
the authorities stated.
"We have all facilities for this
type of work and can cope with
the demand without any diffi-
culty," they asserted.
It was explained that the po-
sition of Hong Kong's shipyards
today is not like it was im-
mediately after the Liberation.
"When we resumed operation
it was just like starting from
scratch—loss of properties, lack
of facilities and material damage.
We have not yet really com-
pleted rehabilitation in its strictest
sense. But where repair facili-
ties are concerned we have done
more than required," an execu-
tive declared.
Hong Kong shipyards gener-
ally have installed up-to-date
machinery to carry on business
in repairs and maintenance. This
has been the main source of in-
come to many local shipyards.
Ship repair work in the Colony
regained its pre-war capacity
early last year and local dock-
yards have been handling as
much repair work as at the peak
of pre-war days. Practically all
available shipyards have been
busy rehabilitating vessels of all
types since the Liberation.
The demand has been so great
at times that many ships had to
"root" in the harbour to await
a berth in the dock.

Skilled labour

The employment problem,
which at one time during the
early days required a critical
phase—lack of skilled labour—
has now been solved.
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EIGHT KMT SHIPS IN JAPAN PORTS SEIZED

Tokyo, February 11.

Eight Chinese Nationalist Liberty ships and one Victory ship have been seized in Japanese ports on orders of the United States occupation's new Admiralty Court, General MacArthur announced today.

The announcement notified all claimants to be prepared to file claims against the ships at the court's initial hearing on February 27.

The ships were seized at seven different harbours fol-
lowing suits for default of pay-
ment of mortgages totalling
U.S.\$3,500,000 filed in Wash-
ington against the owners, the
Chinese Nationalist govern-
ment, by mortgage holders—
the United States Maritime
Commission and the Export
Import Bank.

The civil court was established
on February 2 with jurisdiction
over maritime and admiralty laws
involving members of the United
Nations and their nationals at-
tached to Allied forces.

The announcement said the
action was taken because Japan-
ese courts do not have the au-
thority to judge such cases in-
volving United Nations nationals.
—United Press.

Recognition can wait, Canada says

Ottawa, February 11.
Canadian recognition of the
Chinese Communist regime de-
pends on the type of govern-
ment the Chinese Reds operate,
a high foreign policy spokes-
man said today.
The official said Canada was in
no hurry to make a decision. He
said it was decided to bide time
before committing the country to
follow or reject Britain's lead in
accepting the Communists as
China's true rulers.
"As we see it there are two
types, as exemplified in Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia. Czechoslovakia is best described as being completely subservient to the Kremlin. However, Yugoslavia's Marshal Tito is holding himself aloof from Moscow. He might be described as a Nationalist Communist if there is such a thing."

Black-out hinders shipping

Taipei, February 10.

Most of the navigation lights along the China coast have been blacked out either by the Communists or by Nationalist actions to enforce the block-
ade.

According to the Master of a foreign vessel immobilised at these lights is hampering shipping between Hong Kong and Taiwan. In rough weather, the small China coast vessels usually hug the main-
land as closely as possible up to a point near Amoy and then strike Eastward across the Taiwan Strait to Keelung or Takao, the island's two main ports.

Skippers still tend to follow this route despite the recent shelling of the British steamer Wing Sang by Communist shore batteries.

British ships of the regular Hong Kong-Keelung run follow the direct route here, but Scandinavian vessels go the longer and safer way around the East coast of Taiwan because of the high war-risk insurance rates in their countries.—Reuter.

FLYING TRADER TO IGNORE WARNING

Philadelphia, February 11.
Captain Alexander Hager, mas-
ter of the Flying Arrow, a vessel
of the Philadelphia Line, vessel
Flying Trader, declared here that
he will take his ship back to
Communist China no matter what
the United States Government
says.

Captain Hager, whose ship has
been loading cargo for China, told
a reporter: "I am still working
for Hans Isbrandtsen, and not for
President Truman or the Secre-
tary of State, Mr. Acheson."

The vessel is a sister-ship of
the Flying Arrow, which was
shelled by the Chinese National-
ists off Shanghai last month.
After the Flying Arrow incident,
the United States Government
warned American ships not to
try to get into Shanghai.—Reuter.

SUCKED OUT OF PLANE

New York, February 10.
A gust of wind plucked a
member of the crew out of the
open door of an American Air-
ways trans-Atlantic Stratocruiser
today, hurling him 10,000 feet to
certain death.
John Harris, aged 28, was suck-
ed out of the cabin door of the
four-engine Clipper "Mayflower"
while 22 passengers and 10 other
members of the crew gazed in
horror. The plane was 30 miles
from Idlewild airport and ap-
proaching for a landing.—United
Press.

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wholesale and retail prices.
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price for chicken or pork.
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way from the North of Eng-
land than to buy a sole in the
local market.
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by a group of unscrupulous
fish merchants who operate
behind the mechanism of
Governmental measures in
wholesale fish distribution.
They dictate the price of
fish.
(For Full Story turn to page 3).

Loyalty check started in Britain

London, February 11.
Britain began a searching
loyalty check of everyone con-
nected with the atomic pro-
gramme today after Dr. Klaus
Fuchs, Britain's third ranking
atomic scientist, had confessed
that he betrayed A-bomb—and
possibly H-bomb—secrets to
Russia.

Dr. Fuchs was ordered to be
held for trial on his own con-
fession that he passed information
to Russian spies over a period of
nearly seven years—from the
early stages of atom splitting to
the first stages of the hydrogen
bomb.

Britain immediately began a
security check of atom workers
ranging from the lowest grad-
ing to the highest, including
radar and rocket research follow-
ing Dr. Fuchs' astounding re-
velations.—United Press.

Other sources said the security
check would be intensified for all
workers engaged in every phase
of British defence, including
radar and rocket research follow-
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velations.—United Press.

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10.05—"Melodies from British India"—George Gounod and His Blue Melodians Dance Orchestra & Barbara Summer (Vocal) (BBC).

10.10—"Time For Music"—BBC Midland Light Orchestra. (BBC).

10.15—"Service from the Studio Conducted by the Rev. J. B. Sandbach."

11.45—"Music in Miniature" (BBC).

P.M.

12.15—"Jack Hylton and His Orchestra."

12.30—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary.

12.35—"Harry Davidson and His Orchestra Play 'Old Fashioned Dances'."

12.45—"Introducing New Variety."

1.15—"News, Weather Report, and Announcements."

1.25—"Interlude."

1.30—"Morning Concert."

1.40—"Take It from Here"—With Joe Nichols, Dick Bentley and Jimmy Edwards. (BBC).

2.00—"Home Hour"—Home Requests. (BBC).

2.05—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary.

2.10—"Songs by Emilio Livi" (Tenor).

2.15—"Weekly News Letter" (London Relay).

2.30—"Service from the Studio Conducted by the Rev. W. H. George, C.V." (BBC).

2.45—"World News and News Analysis" (London Relay).

2.55—"Looking Ahead"—A Review of the Week's Programmes. (BBC).

3.00—"Election Talk"—No. 7. Lord Walton speaks on behalf of the Conservative Party. (London Relay).

3.05—"From the Editorials" (London Relay).

3.10—"Interlude" Studio Melodies—The Melodious Orchestra with Sylvia Rubin and Harry Dawson (Vocal) (BBC).

3.15—"Symphony Concert"—Wagner's La Esclava Duellista—Overture. Conducted by Paul Van Kempen. (BBC).

3.20—"Symphony Concert"—No. 2, in G Minor, Op. 22, Beethoven. Conducted by the Philharmonia Orchestra. (BBC).

3.25—"Dallia's Violin Concerto, Albert Bammann (Violin) and the Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Sir Malcolm Sargent. Vaughan Williams's Fantasia, on a Theme by Thomas Tallis. The BBC Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir Adrian Boult." (BBC).

10.00—"Radio News" (London Relay).

10.15—"Weather Report."

10.20—"Chapter and Verse"—An Abbreviated Service. (BBC).

10.25—"Classical Music"—The BBC Symphony Orchestra.

10.30—"New Concert Orchestra."

11.00—"Weather Report, World News and Home News from Britain." (London Relay).

11.15—"Epilogue" (BBC).

11.30—"Close Down."

EARL AN EDITOR

London, February 10.

The Earl of Harewood, 11th in line to the Throne, has turned editor and launched his new magazine.

The magazine is called "Opera" and the first issue, just out, runs to 10,000 copies. The Earl, King George's nephew, edits it for a Fleet Street publisher. Associated Press.

Bergman, Rossellini may marry in church

Rome, February 10.

Ingrid Bergman and Roberto Rossellini may eventually be able to wed in the Catholic Church, a Vatican source said today. The steps they must take are difficult and may not succeed. But they are possible.

The first step towards such a union, said a Jesuit writer for "Civiltà Cattolica," fortnightly publication of the Society of Jesus, must be for Rossellini to obtain a Catholic Church annulment of his marriage with Marcello di Marchis.

He has already applied to the Sacred Rota, the Catholic Church's high tribunal for such an annulment.

The second necessary step must be an annulment of the marriage of Bergman and Peter Lindstrom, Hollywood surgeon.

Both Rossellini and Bergman obtained civil decrees from their former spouses—the Italian director in Vienna and the actress in Mexico—but these are invalid before the Church.

Bergman need not become a Catholic to marry Rossellini in the Church.

Such a wedding would not be held before the altar of a Catholic Church and there would be no Mass. Bergman would be required to promise that children of the union would be brought up in the Church.

Rossellini has already announced that the baby boy born January 2 will be baptised a Catholic.

Very difficult

Should Bergman become a Catholic before the ceremony, the marriage could then be celebrated before a Catholic altar.

Both the "Civiltà Cattolica" writer and a lay lawyer for the Sacred Rota pointed out the extreme difficulty of Bergman's case. Rossellini, married in the Catholic Church, which considers marriage a sacrament for Catholics and for all an unbreakable contract. Both pointed out that annulment in the Church is not considered as a dissolution of a marriage contract but a declaration that such a contract never existed.

Gino Solis, Rossellini's lawyer, said today that Bergman's divorce papers will be rushed here possibly by special plane from Mexico before the end of the week.

Bergman's Mexican divorce was granted last night in a Juarez civil court.

Hospital attendants said that Bergman walked happily with her baby in the hospital corridors today, still well guarded by police. She received news of her Mexican divorce from her husband, Peter Lindstrom of Los Angeles, by cable from Juarez last night.

Star overjoyed

Rossellini was jubilant as he talked to reporters today. He described Bergman as overjoyed.

"Oh, why could it not have happened 10 months ago?" he exclaimed.

Rossellini said he expected Bergman's divorce papers to arrive by regular air mail from Mexico, possibly early next week.

He and the actress would be married as soon as possible in a small, private civil ceremony. He added that a Roman Catholic Church ceremony may follow later.

Despite the optimism of Rossellini and his lawyer, the influential Rome newspaper, "Giornale d'Italia," reported that legal red tape may delay the Bergman-Rossellini marriage as much as three months. The newspaper said that an Italian magistrate may require such time for deliberations on the Juarez decree.

Meanwhile, a source close to the film couple said that an appointment had been made for civil registration of Bergman's baby tomorrow.

Under Italian law births must be registered within 10 days. Sunday is the deadline for registration of Bergman's baby.

Letter to daughter

Bergman's personal physician, Dr. Pier Luigi Guidotti, said he may permit the actress and her baby to leave the hospital on Sunday or Monday for her Rome apartment.

Guidotti, who rushed the actress to the hospital eight days ago, said she insisted first on completing a letter to her 11-year-old daughter Pia.

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A.M.

7.00—"Up With The Sun."

8.00—"News & Weather Report."

8.15—"Orchestra."

8.30—"Morning Music."

9.00—"Sunday Variety."

10.00—"Harmony Hall."

10.15—"Festival of Wales."

10.30—"Church Service."

Light Music, Organ Melodies.

P.M.

12.00—"The Music of France."

12.30—"Sports Journal."

12.45—"Lunch Time Music."

1.00—"Popular Concert."

1.15—"Afternoon Music."

1.30—"Curtain Call."

1.45—"Tea Time Tunes."

2.00—"Music Hall Varieties."

2.15—"Lullaby Serenade."

2.30—"Lullaby Serenade."

2.45—"Just For You."

3.00—"A special feature for the children."

3.15—"H.B.C. News."

3.30—"The Gracie Fields' Show."

3.45—"Listen to Lullaby."

4.00—"Song Recital."

4.15—"Benny Ray and his Orchestra."

4.30—"Wings of Darkness."

4.45—"Variety on Record."

5.00—"H.B.C. News."

5.15—"Local News."

5.30—"The Philip Morris Show."

5.45—"London Playhouse."

6.00—"Organ Recital."

6.15—"Mozart's Clarinet Concerto."

6.30—"A Day With Dreamland."

6.45—"Close Down."

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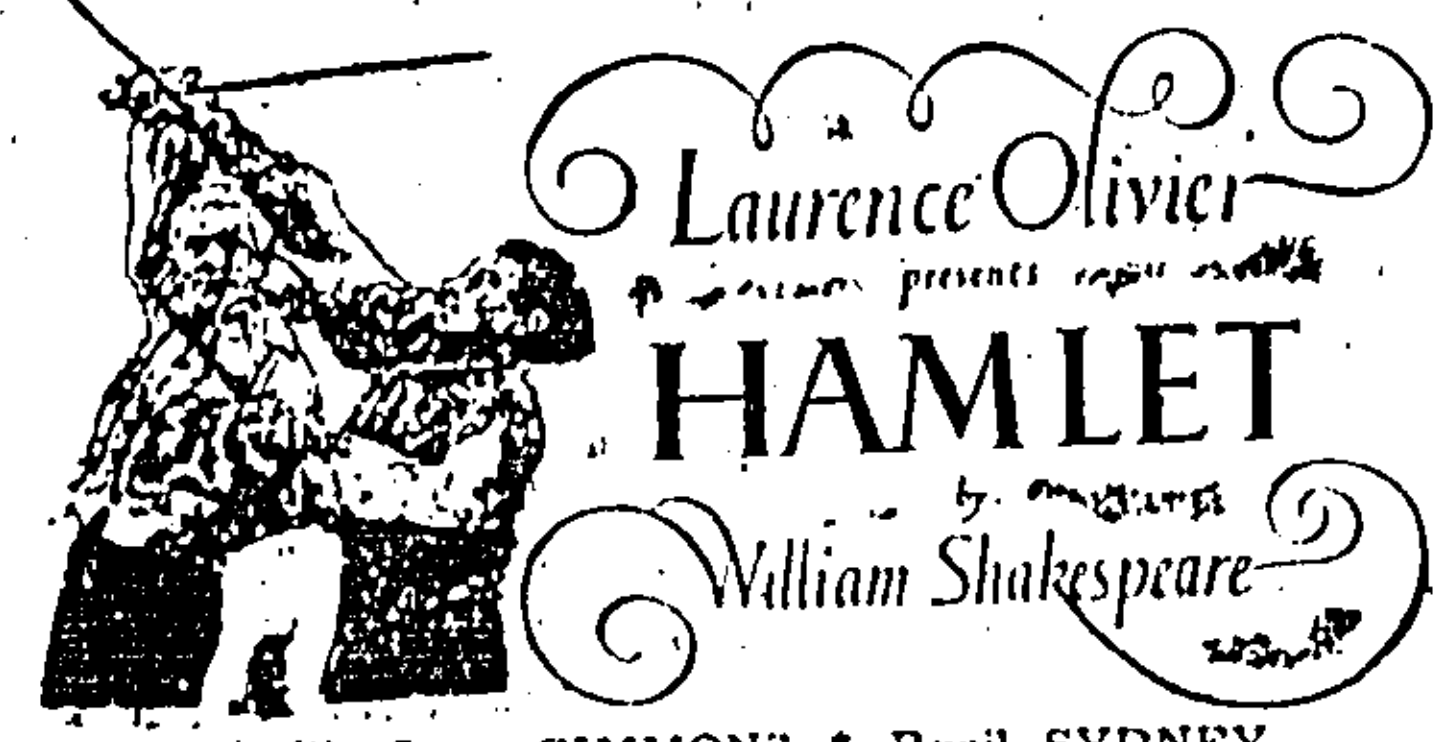
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THE PARTY LINE IN HEREDITY

Russia's leading researcher on plants, Trofim Denisovich Lysenko, has turned the world of genetics upside down. So far, no other geneticist outside the USSR can get anything like the results claimed by Lysenko.

In his latest book, "Soviet Genetics and World Science," Dr. Julian S. Huxley, British biologist with a world reputation, makes a critical analysis of Lysenko's claims, and provides the general reader with the first serious, and popular attempt, to refute them in an objective, scientific manner.

Genetics is that branch of science which deals with heredity in plants and animals—how inherited characteristics are transmitted from parent to offspring and how organisms change their characteristics over long periods (evolution).

Eighty years ago the Abbe Mendel discovered, in crossing peas, that certain characteristics are transmitted from parent to offspring in a regular, predictable manner, without any trace of blending or dilution. He, therefore, inferred that they were transmitted by some definite unit in the reproductive cells.

Biologists have since discovered these units, and called them genes. They are lodged within the cell-organs known as chromosomes. In other words, there is a physical basis for heredity.

False and reactionary

Neo-Mendelism, which Lysenko denounces as false, reactionary, idealistic and bourgeois, is

Mendelism is no longer a theory in the general sense of the term, any more than atoms or bacteria are theories. It is now a branch of science in its own right, with an outstanding record of research and discovery, much of it of immense value to agriculture and livestock breeding.

Neo-Mendelism lays it down that changes in an organism are the result of mutation and natural

By David Stephen

the name sometimes given to present-day genetic practice based on, and developed from, Mendel's original discovery.

Most geneticists, Russian and non-Russian, have been working along Neo-Mendelian lines since genetics became recognised as a fully-fledged branch of science.

Conclusive working in every advanced country, have built up an impressive array of facts, experimentally tested under strict conditions of scientific control, and added vastly to our knowledge of heredity.

ral selection, as opposed to the Lamarckian view (Lamarck was a French scientist) that offspring inherit characters acquired by the parents in their lifetime; in other words that acquired characters are hereditary.

Classical Lamarckism was dead, discredited, till Lysenko began to make himself heard in the thirties. He attacked the Mendelian-Soviet plant breeder, he took his stand firmly on the side of Lamarck, asserting that changes induced by environment in a living organism could be transmitted to the offspring.

He claims not only that acquired characters can be inherited, but that heredity is determined by the whole body and not just by the gene set-up in the chromosomes of the reproductive cells, and instances as proof of his second contention that in grafts, characters can be switched between scion and stock, and vice versa. And says he has done it.

So Huxley the Neo-Mendelian biologist examines, in this book, the claims of Lysenko, the Neo-Lamarckian, creator of the new Soviet genetics.

Biologist of integrity

Being a fair man, in spite of the insults thrown at him by one Soviet paper, and a biologist of unimpeachable integrity, he goes out of his way to make certain things clear at the start.

He points out that Soviet science in general stands at a very high level; that in some fields it is out in front, and that one of the most brilliant geneticists the world has ever known, a man respected and admired in every country, was Professor Vavilov, demoted in favour of Lysenko, and now dead.

So he gives the question the treatment it is due—serious scientific consideration, unprejudiced but hypercritical.

And is convinced Lysenko is all wrong, while admitting he has made a number of remarkable and useful discoveries, and done great work for his country.

He accuses Lysenko of approaching his work with his mind made up, of not taking elementary scientific precautions, of working with impure strains subject to wide variations of not using scientific controls, of not guarding against cross-pollination, of claiming as new the routine character of peaches which has been known for a lifetime.

He accuses him of not publishing his work in a way that can be studied by other workers, and tested by them under scientific control. And he points out, stresses, that nobody can get the same results as Lysenko anyway.

Both Huxley and Ashby, having met Lysenko and discussed his work with him, are certain he is honest, but that he gets his results in the ordinary way, crediting them wrongly because he does not guard against selection or alternative explanations.

Scientifically illiterate

Huxley says he is scientifically illiterate. Ashby goes further and says "He may be doing a great job for Russia, but the bulk of his opinions on genetics may be dismissed as the products of a medieval mind using what is almost a medieval technique."

These are the considered opinions of two famous geneticists and also the opinions of many Russians. Why, then, has the Soviet Government blessed Lysenko's theories, calling them right and necessary, and announced Neo-Mendelism, calling it useless, foreign, unpatriotic and other worse names? This is what perturbs Huxley.

Impressed by Lysenko's practical results the Soviet Government has done more than give him increased facilities; it has thrown out all the other scientists and impeded them before the world.

In spite of the fact that other Russian geneticists are testing Lysenko's claims under strict conditions of control, failed to get his results. And in spite of the new maize, the new yams, the new tailor-made pigs, and the new poultry evolved in the USSR along Neo-Mendelian lines.

This book is a must for all thinking people. It is thoroughly done, written in a pleasant, easy style that will scare no one. But it would be an advantage to read along with it the Report to the Lenin Academy of Agricultural Sciences, given by Lysenko in July/August, 1948.

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WEN WEI PAO: Japanese Emperor Hirohito should be tried as a war criminal. He was responsible for carrying out the logical warfare in China and the Chinese people suffered most from Japanese atrocities during the war.

We support the Soviet's demand that Hirohito should be brought before a War Crimes Tribunal to answer the charges. In the United States of America and other foreign powers have any desire to uphold the Chinese people's right to justice and security, they should consent to the setting up of an international military tribunal to deal with Japanese war criminals carrying out biological warfare.

The excuse that "any such tribunal cannot be set up because the trials of war criminals have been concluded holds no water."

International situation

SING TAO JIH PAO: The year 1950 has begun with considerable changes in the Far East situation—changes which are causing tension throughout the world and widespread speculation on the possibility of an outbreak of a third international war.

The international situation is so tense that American military experts have predicted that this year might turn out to be the eve of a second Pearl Harbor event.

Whether or not a third world war breaks out this year, cannot be forecast. Nevertheless, the complicated French Indo-China

situation might well set off the spark to such a catastrophe. Mao Tse-tung is still in Moscow. Without doubt, his talks with Stalin will have a significant bearing on the international situation. It is possible that they may decide on concerted action in the international political arena.

However, the Western nations have taken precautionary measures in the Pacific and the Hanks Conference by American statesmen will map other similar measures. A Pacific Alliance appears to be probable.

Far East policy

WAH KIU YAT PO: The White House appears to be still groping in the dark for a Far East policy. The United States of America is determined to maintain supremacy in the Far East in order to protect its economic and financial interests.

Its policy is to remain aloof in the "cold war" in order to avoid conflict with the Soviet. Its policy is also to provide economic assistance to Far East nations but to avoid giving military aid.

This policy is not firm and demonstrates the indecisive nature of American Far Eastern policy. There can be only one answer to the indecisive policy: the United States wants to reap harvests without financial commitments.

It is shirking its responsibilities to the world. This is most regretful.

The second round

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INDIAN DELEGATE LASHES PAKISTAN

Lake Success, February 10.

Mr. Bonogal N. Rau, India's delegate to the United Nations, told the Security Council today that the Pakistan Commander-in-Chief's advice to his Government of rendering more direct assistance to Kashmiri tribesmen was a most damaging admission.

Mr. Rau said that the admission proved that in spite of Pakistan's protestation, Pakistan was, in fact, rendering the tribesmen, even before April 20, 1948, some kind of assistance, direct or indirect.

He was referring to an appreciation of the military situation in Kashmir which had been given to the Pakistan Government by General Sir Douglas E. Gracey, Commander-in-Chief of the Pakistan Army, dated April 20, 1948 and which the Pakistan Foreign Minister read to the Security Council during his speech on Wednesday.

The Security Council was resuming its debate on the Kashmir question. Mr. Rau was replying in detail to a six-hour speech made by Sir Mohammad Zafarullah Khan, the Pakistan Foreign Minister, at previous sessions.

Referring to that part of the Pakistan Commander-in-Chief's appreciation, which recommended that regular units of the Pakistan Army must, if necessary, be sent into Kashmir, Mr. Rau said: "I must confess that I have been gravely disturbed by this disclosure here."

"Is a British Commander-in-Chief of a Dominion of the Commonwealth recommending that a military expedition should be sent, if necessary, against a sister Dominion?"

He declared that the Pakistan Commander-in-Chief was recommending that the assistance should take a more direct form. This was conclusive proof that India's complaint to the Security Council in January was completely true.

"My friend twitted me upon my use of the quaint phrase 'the complaint had become true,' he said. 'In view of the proof he has now himself furnished I am able to dispense with that quaint phrase, and say that the complaint has been proved to be true.'

Two questions

"I should like, at this point, to ask my distinguished friend two questions."

"Once before actually sending the Pakistan Army into Kashmir, was His Majesty's Government in England consulted or even informed?"

"I ask this question because I believe that the recommendation involved a serious offence against the British Foreign Enlistment Act."

Mr. Rau continued: "I feel sure that if there had been any such consultation the step would never have been taken and we should have been spared all the difficulties that it has created."

Peking link with Moscow

San Francisco, February 10.

In a frank move to tie up closer with Russia, the Chinese Communists reported today they are planning a telephoto network linking Peking, Shanghai and Moscow.

The announcement, broadcast by the Peking radio, also said a China-wide telephoto system is planned and an international wireless station will be built in Peking for wireless communication with, first of all, the USSR and the "new democracies."

—Associated Press.

and that now impede our progress."

Mr. Rau spoke with great difficulty and frequently had to stop to drink water, after being asked by the Council saying that he was just recovering from a severe cold.

"The second question I should like to ask," he continued, "is whether, at any point of his appreciation, the Pakistan Commander-in-Chief cautioned the Pakistan Government that the Pakistan Government might constitute a breach of international law?"

Unjustified plea
"I feel that, in order to protect himself, he would have taken this precaution, having regard to his conduct on an earlier occasion."

Pakistan claimed that the despatch of its troops was necessitated by considerations of self-defence. Such a plea might have passed muster in the old days, but now there was the United Nations, with Article 51 of the Charter which gave all nations the right of individual or collective self-defence.

This, however, imposed a limitation on the right of self-defence which was that the State must be attacked and that if any measures of self-defence were taken they must be reported to the United Nations immediately.

In the present instance, there was admittedly no armed attack on Pakistan and admittedly too the sending of its army into Kashmir was not reported to the Security Council.

"Had Pakistan reported its troop movements, the Security Council would not have allowed their entry into Kashmir and the subsequent mischief to which the invasion led would have been avoided."

Other wrongs

"Because of this initial wrong, certain other wrongs followed, namely, the building of the so-called Azad forces and administration."

"I still say that all these wrongs should be completely undone before a plebiscite can be taken. Any other course will involve recognition of an act which is not only against the plain provisions of the Charter but is also a crime according to British municipal law."

The United Nations would be creating a dangerous precedent



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SECRET TALKS AT HARWELL

Harwell, February 10.

British, Canadian and United States atom scientists found fresh memorandum pads and blotters ready for them when they met here today for the second session of their four-day conference—all yesterday's pads and notes and blotters were burned for secrecy.

One of the British experts, Mr. M. W. Perrin, the British Ministry of Supply's Deputy Controller of Atomic Energy, was absent this morning because he attended the Bow Street Magistrates' Court in London to give evidence in the case of Klaus Emil Fuchs who was committed for trial on charges under the Official Secrets Act.

The experts are discussing how many—if any—new details of their work can be released for general publication.

A triple guard of War Department police is on duty for the conference.

Some of the delegates are staying at the atomic research station here, and certain measures are being taken at hotels where others are staying.—Reuters.

If it took any other view or adopted any other course, the Security Council knew that the Indian Army had gone into Kashmir to repel the invaders. Pakistan now said that she had rendered no assistance whatever to the invaders. When, however, she found that India was on the point of expelling the raiders, Pakistan found it necessary to send her army into Kashmir in order to hold the line.—Reuters.

VATICAN PLANS FOR ALLIANCE OF RELIGIONS

Vatican City, February 10.

The Vatican authorities are believed to be planning a massive alliance of Catholic, Protestant and Moslem forces in a united common front against Communism, Vatican sources said today.

The alliance would be designed to check the spread of atheistic Communism by joint action between the three religions in defending the spiritual and moral values of those who believe in God.

The first step towards a closer collaboration between Catholics and Protestants is expected this month with the publication of new instructions from the Pope to the Catholic Bishops of the world.

These may pave the way to conferences between theologians of the two religions on the moral and social problems of today.

First steps towards an understanding between Catholicism and Islam are reported to be taken by Al Omar Mohammed, the Egyptian Minister to the Holy See, who is due back in Rome shortly after consultations with his Government.

Catholic circles here estimate that an alliance between the three religions could eventually group together about 130,000,000 people in a common action for the defence of their religious beliefs against the Communist materialistic threat.

Relaxing rules

Published statistics put the Catholic population of the world at 423,000,000, the Protestant population at 207,000,000 and the Moslems at 209,000,000.

Against this about 750,000,000 people, including about 50,000,000 Protestants and Catholics, are estimated to be living in the countries of Eastern Europe and Asia entirely under Communist domination.

Preparations are understood to have been going ahead to relax the rules which restrict Catholic co-operation with the Protestant churches.

The new instruction to Bishops which the Pope is expected to issue this month through the Holy Office would be the first fruit of these preparations.—Reuters.

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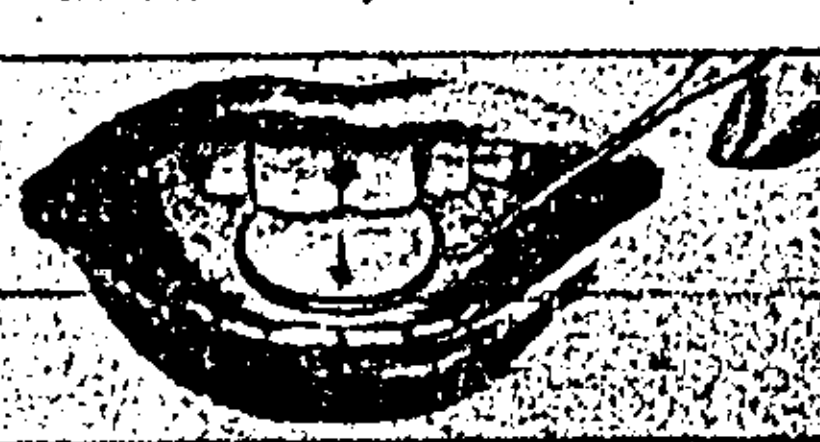
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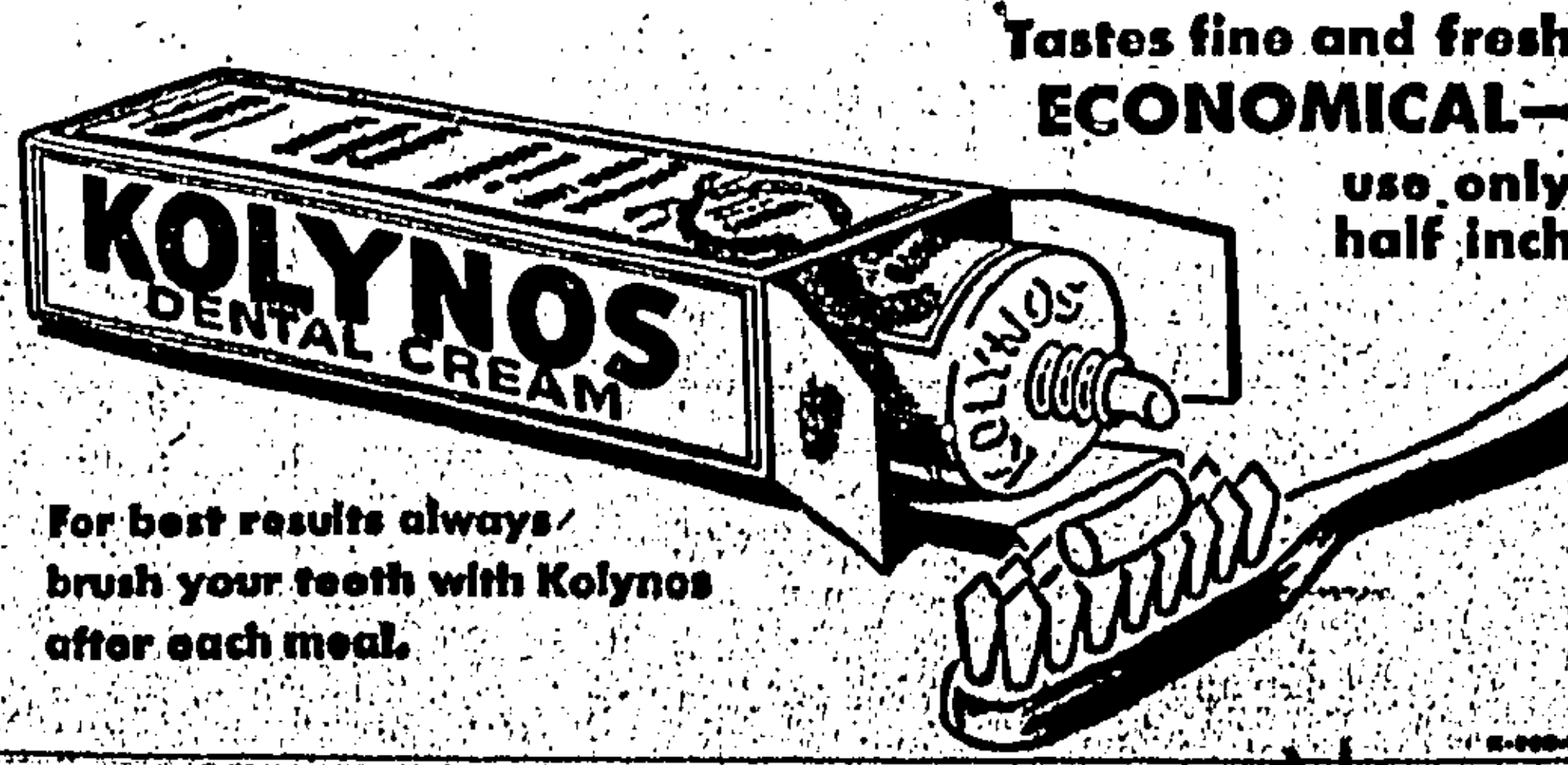
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By HOLT

Docile Queuetopians

The little man standing at the gate of the cinema made up his mind that something had to be done.

It was a cold day but the 33 men and women queuing inside the warm, brightly lit foyer were obviously contravening the fire-prevention regulations.

Rising to the full peak of his authority, the little man gruffly commanded: "Duck!"

Form a line outside the Cinema, you all in here—it's as much as my job's worth."

Meekly, without one murmured protest, the queue moved outside into the cold. The women wrapped their coats more tightly around them, the men stamped their feet on the pavement to keep warm.

Then a young man, wearing a Fleet Air Arm tie, joined the queue. After a while, he looked around, and said: "What on earth are we all doing out here? Let's go inside where it's warm."

Meekly without a murmured agreement everyone moved inside again.

The little man moved into the background, and told one of the usherettes:

"We, I'm in the clear. They can't blame me if there's a fire."

Subtly undermined

I have chosen this incident from a tangled fortnight in London, to point out what I believe to be the most significant and the most worrying change that has taken place in Britain during the latter years of the war and the Socialist Administration.

Londoners appear to have been subtly undermined by a pressure of circumstances. They seem to be conditioned to taking orders from anyone who likes to give them. London is used to doing what it is told and it is a shame.

Bated breath

This alarming philosophy cannot be explained away by the old phrase, "I couldn't care less." It goes far deeper.

There is something psychological in the bated breath with which people utterances that such and such a relative is on the Coal Board, or the Colonial Development Board, or the Exchange Control.

There is something psychological in the way £5-a-week clerks and secretaries in local government, Ministries and nationalised undertakings go about their business as if they were some ethereal compromise between the Queen, the Secretary of the United States Treasury, Greer Garson and the Pollbush.

Something has grown up in London which can only be described as "an aristocracy of the bureaucracy." It is no longer fashionable for a young man to launch out on his own. There appears to be something suspect about business. The arts are suspect, travel is suspect, wealth is suspect.

The Man from the Ministry is the fashionable man in London. It is the "Dodger's" first baseman in Brooklyn.

The aristocracy of the bureaucracy has even moved into the old world of London.

It is the vogue for returning columns to note a somewhat patronisingly that the old terraces of London are being rebuilt and repainted. But I was depressed to find that the stately, repainted terraces were being occupied all over town by the Ministry men I have heard described as "butter-pats."

Tragic "TO BE SOLD" notices outside many of the other old houses highlight the fact that the taxes are so high that the Government is the only agency that can afford to move into London's traditional homes.

Same humour

The "Imps" are also doing all right when it has come to new buildings. One block in Holborn,

which would have made a fine home for many ex-Service families, has been occupied by a Ministry, and labourers vitally needed elsewhere were drilling pretty name-boards into the outside walls as I passed by.

Austerity, on the other hand, has not made such a basic impression on Londoners as is supposed in the United States. There are far too few smiles on the streets, there is too little entertaining—understandable with rationing the way they are. There seems little tendency for families to "get out and do things."

But it does not take too much research for anyone to discern that Londoners still have the sense of humour, the Germans could never understand, the same solid reliability the same basic good manners and good neighbourliness, the same deep-down tradition.

By Rodney Campbell

Still some city

But I did not like the tendency to assume that the Socialists would win again "with a reduced majority." I did not like the pessimism concerning Britain's future as a great Power. I did not like an isolationism which ranged, in many quarters, from complete disinterest in the United Nations to a complete lack of knowledge in

the Embankment at sunset, the students rushing to the Albert Hall balcony, the queues at the theatre galleries, the blithely U-turns of the taximen in jammed Piccadilly, the good humour and anti-Strachey sallies of the butlers, the bakers and the housewives in line, the complexities of the monumental quiet of the Abbey.

I liked the street-lighting, the relative absence of mean signs, the quiet appreciation of good theatre, the pride in the achievement of the Sadler's Wells, the number of Irishmen in town, the speeches of the Scots temperance lobby in the Commons, the sound of Big Ben, the line of the '49 cars, and the world coming into London Air-port.

Apology and indifference

Mr. Churchill's election diagnosis of the troubles of our time has been restrained to a degree. The choice, he says, is whether we should take another plunge into Socialist regimentation or by a strong effort regain the freedom, initiative and opportunity of British life.

It is the "background of apathy, indifference, and bewilderment," of which Mr. Churchill spoke as leading before long only to national ruin, which threatens also to lead the Tories to electoral defeat.

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Mr. Butler and the team which has thanklessly worked with him for so long deserve the highest praise for their labours, the final form of which has been so much improved by the fresh hand and eye brought to them at last by Mr. Churchill himself.

But one wonders how many of the undecided voters will actually study the document save in the garbled versions of it contained in the biased literature and speeches of popular Socialism.

In a country where there is no legal compulsion to use the vote one cannot obviously force anybody actually to read the policies upon which that vote is solicited. It is a pity. For would not the ideal arrangement be to enforce upon the electorate a study of each party's manifesto not only at the present but also at the preceding contest?

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Less to fear

But in fairness to the Tories it must be said that they would in the present instance have less to fear than anybody else. As for the Socialists, apart from those who are still little better than half-baked Communists, they would emerge at the very best as "semi-honest," to use an expression which has lately gained some currency.

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But again, there are so many wonderful things about London—

the importance of sterling's fall in the councils of the outside world.

I did not like the idea that the steak and nylon America was the real America, and as I have said, I hated the delinquency of the little man in the peaked cap.

Still, it is as the Americans would say, some city.

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Behind the political scene

By Alastair Forbes



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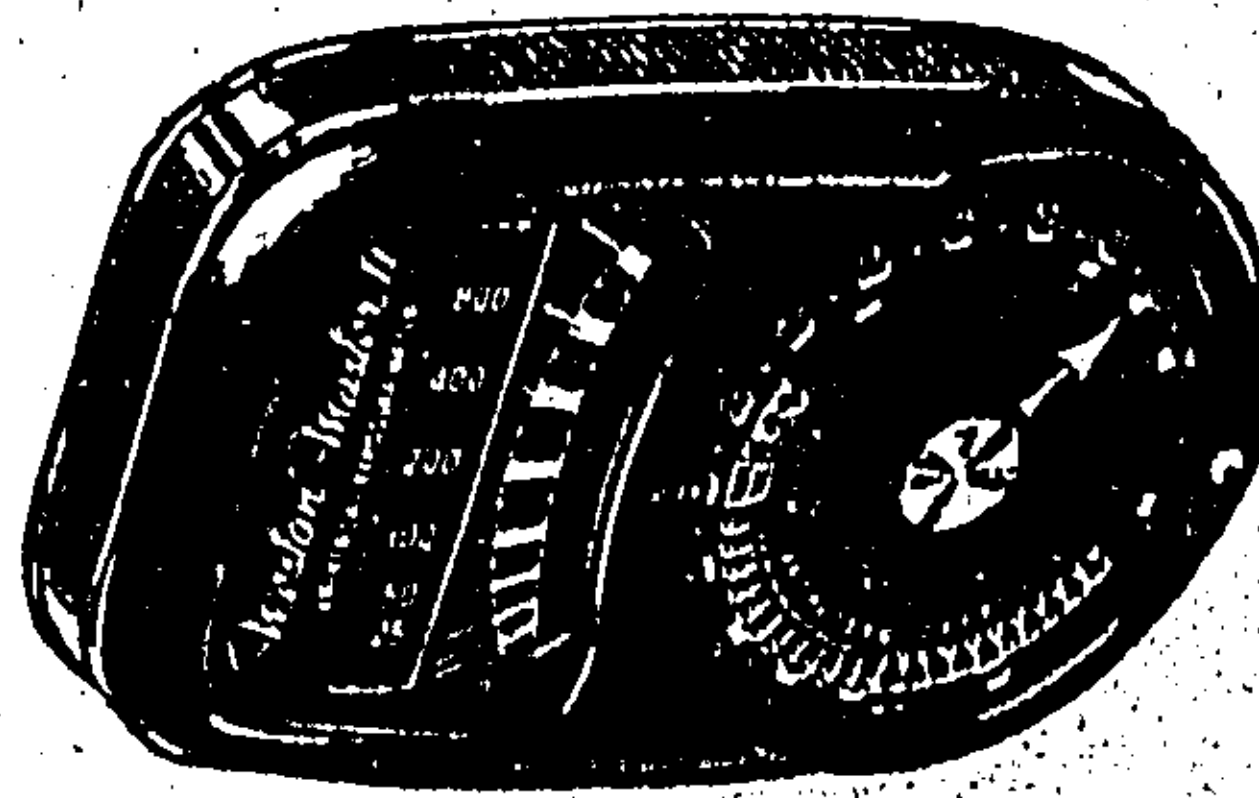


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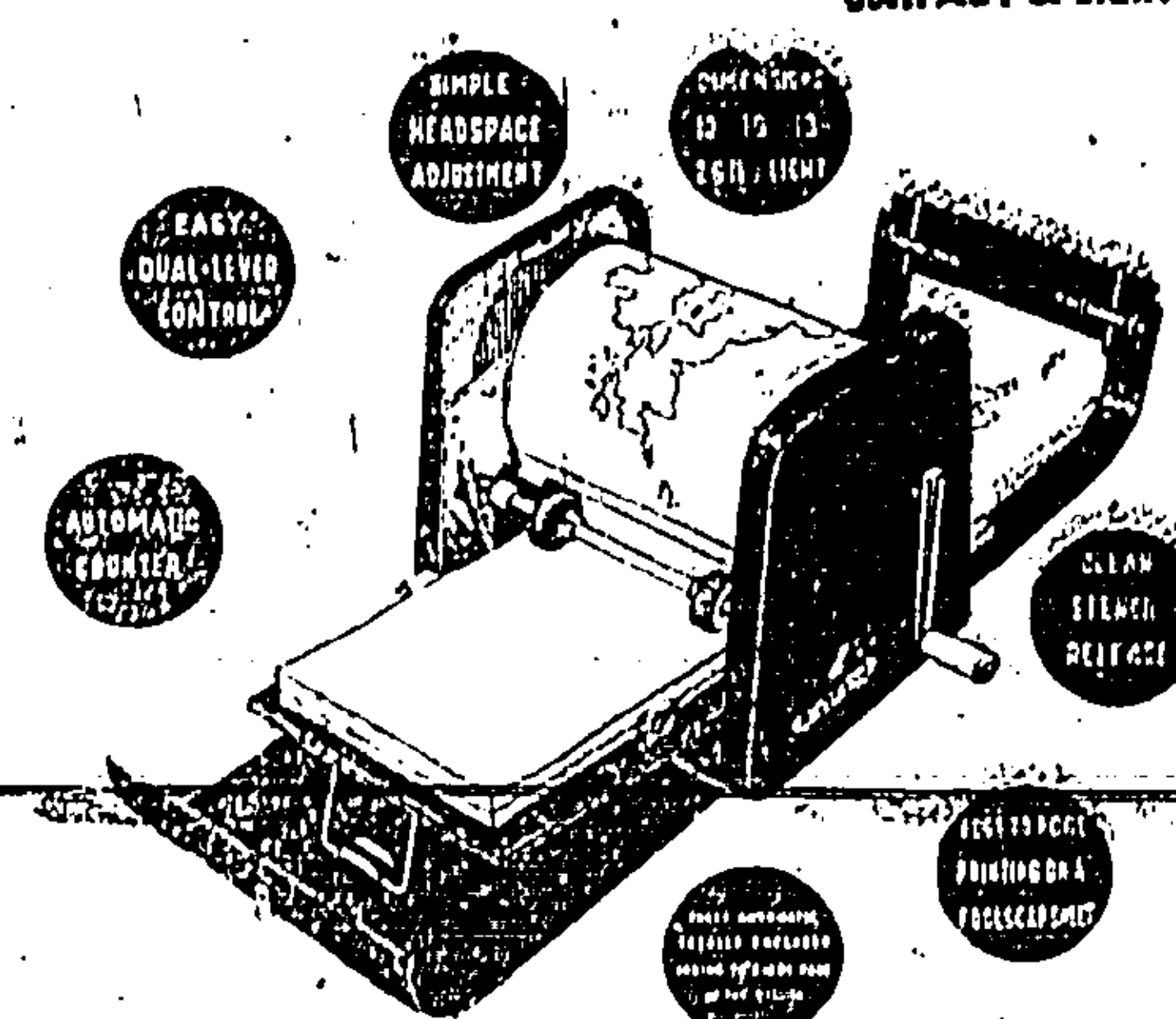
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Sir Miles Thomas, chairman of BOAC, who is visiting Hong Kong for business talks early next week, is reputed in England to have an extraordinarily good memory. Two instances often quoted concern the time when he wrote a whole report of the Paris Motor Show with hardly a note.



SIR MILES THOMAS

The copy, written in Paris, was lost in transit, so young Mr. Thomas, as he then was, was ordered to fly back to the office in London. Fortified with numerous cups of black coffee he dictated solidly to relays of typists for 12 hours through the night.

The other recalls when he was sent down to Oxford to meet the then Mr. W. R. Morris (now Lord Nuffield) to view an entirely new range of Morris cars. That was one of the formative years of the Morris business—1923—and the motor chief was surprised and perturbed to find that Mr. Thomas did not take a single note. Nevertheless, his report was more technically factual than that of others who had used copious sheets of paper.

Sir Miles disclaims that his memory is out of the ordinary. But I believe that it's still disconcertingly retentive for some of the kind of things that junior executives in his organisation might prefer forgotten.

During the war Lady Thomas was a member of the Women's Auxiliary Police Force. She is President of the Oxfordshire Women's Golf Club, and is keenly interested in the women's institute movement.

She and Sir Miles have two children—a married daughter,

Shelia, who is a doctor and is a B.M., D. Ch. (Oxford).

Her son is Lieut. Michael Thomas, R.N., at present stationed in the East.

Stories about Sir Miles, like those about the late Lord Trent, are varied and numerous, but I particularly like the one, which insists that he actually landed an aeroplane in the Garden of Eden.

It was while he was a pilot in the 1914-18 war. Stationed at Baghdad, Mesopotamia, he was chosen to fly the Chief Political Officer to an area occupied by an unruly tribe of marsh Arabs near the confluence of the Tigris and the Euphrates. The drill was to fly over these Arabs at a very low altitude and drop leaflets telling them that they had better stop carrying out raids, pay their taxes and be good citizens—or else....

Unfortunately, the heat of the desert proved too much for the engine of the stick-and-string aeroplane, and it seized on full throttle. Sir Miles tried to pull off a landing on what looked like level ground alongside a stretch of water. But it turned out to be soft mud and the aeroplane turned base over apex. No bones were broken, and as the Political Officer could speak Arabic, the two airmen were taken by tribesmen to the chief-tain's hut.

The area where they had landed is reputed by legend to be the site of the Garden of Eden, where Eve was tempted by a serpent and an apple altered the course of history.

But there was nothing idyllic about the subsequent meal. Squatting on the floor of the hut they were presented with bowls of rice cooked in some evil-smelling fat and an unsavoury mess of boiled chicken. The Political Officer told his pilot to eat with his left hand only, to preserve local ritual.

After a few mouthfuls Sir Miles heard the Officer give vent to the kind of ejaculations that are usually associated with violent indigestion.

Fearing that he had been hurt in the crash he asked if he was all right.

"Sure I'm all right," said the Political Officer. "You do that to show your appreciation." Sir Miles was shocked, but interested.

So what had previously been a solo effort became a competi-

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

By The SCRIBE

Head of the British Council

The head of the British Council in Hong Kong is a small, slight man whose name recalls one of the most inspiring incidents in Scottish history.



MR. ROBERT BRUCE

tion of what can be achieved by tenacity.

Mr. Bruce, a native of Fraserburgh, in Aberdeenshire, told me a few things about himself at his office the other day, which convinced me that no better man could be selected for his job.

Quiet and retentive, after the fashion of most scholars, Mr. Bruce is an internationalist whose world is not limited by the horizons of his trade. An authority on sociology, his career has been varied, and interesting. He talks with candour and knowledge on most things—paintings, music, adult education, the cinema, the last continent of Atlantis, the habits of the Eskimoes, and the song a lonely trapper sang in Canada which was recognised as a lost ballad.

Mr. Bruce deplors his indifferent health, which forced him to resign from the civil service when he was stationed as a cadet officer in Malaya some years ago. He has a fair knowledge of Cantonese, and enjoys assuming ignorance of the language when some-keepers in Kowloon raise their prices 50 per cent whenever he appears.

A lecturer of distinction, he often addresses himself to his subject with little or no note. He has travelled extensively in Europe, and in Prague was introduced to a rapt audience as "Mr. Robert Bruce, illustrious descendant of the Kings of Scotland."

Discussing his name, Mr. Bruce told me that he does not come from the family of the original Bruce. Despite a few incidents of this sort, he is fond of his name and would not change it for any other in the world. He denies that the progress of a spider up a ceiling has the capacity to arouse him when the mood is not there.

Like the story of Canute at the sea-side, Alfred in the pedant's home, and George Washington and the tree, this little record of a king taking inspiration from a spider makes charming reading.

According to Debreit, the Earl of Elgin, wealthy Scottish peer is claimant to the title of direct descendant of the first Bruce.

Mr. Bruce is married. He and his wife will remain in Hong Kong for some time before returning to England, where he hopes to resume his career as a journalist and writer.

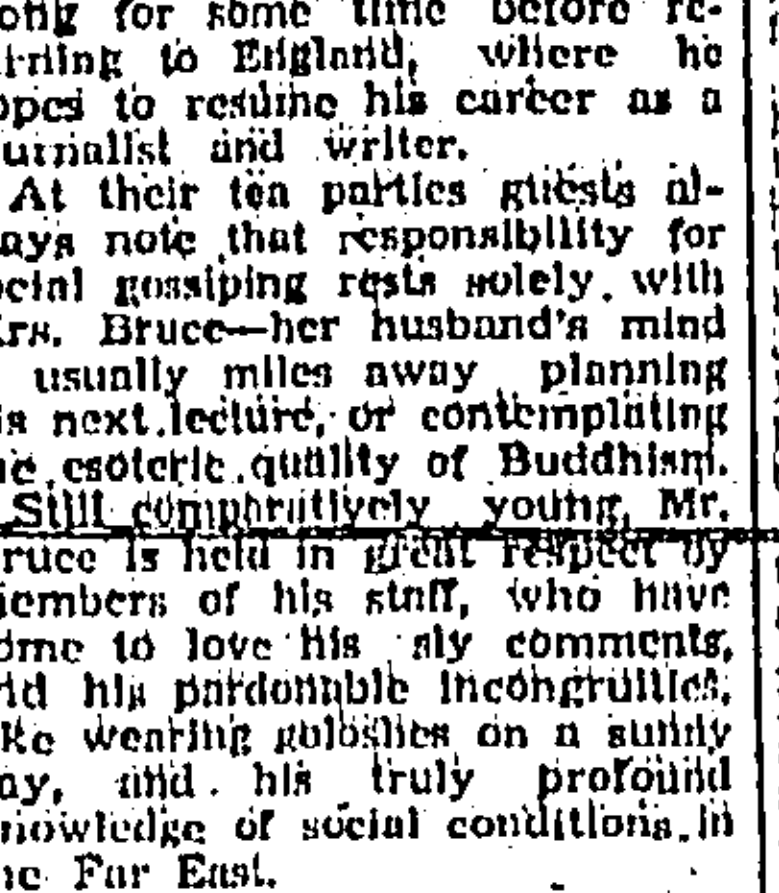
At their ten parties guests always note that responsibility for social gossiping rests solely with Mrs. Bruce—her husband's mind is usually miles away planning his next lecture, or contemplating the esoteric quality of Buddhism.

Still comparatively young, Mr. Bruce is held in great respect by members of his staff, who have come to love his shy comments, and his pardomable incongruities, like wearing a suit on a sunny day, and his truly profound knowledge of social conditions in the Far East.

Joins her husband

Mrs. Christine Bartlett is an Englishwoman who has not allowed inconveniences to interfere with her decision to join her husband in Hong Kong. He is Librarian-Commander H. J. Bartlett, R.N.

She came here a few weeks ago with her little son Christopher despite the fact that she was told no accommodation would be provided, since Commander Bartlett is not based ashore.



MRS. CHRISTINE BARTLETT

Slender, tall, and very chic, Mrs. Bartlett has not regretted her decision, although Hong Kong's weather, and arduous house-searching, produced discomfort at odd times.

Still very young, Mrs. Bartlett tells me she has made some interesting friends, and will enjoy her stay here very much. She has no idea when she will be returning to England, because it depends entirely on the movements of her husband.

A Londoner, Mrs. Bartlett was born within hearing of the Bow Bells, which once lured Dick Whittington back and made him famous for all time. She is the

daughter of Bernard Shore, a member of the BBC music staff, who has just written a book called "The Sixteen Symphonies."

It describes the most outstanding musical works ever produced, and relates certain incidents connected with them—like the incredible fact of Beethoven's deafness when he composed the Pastoral symphony, Tschalkowsky's lonely brooding which inspired the Pathétique, and Schubert's mad flights of impossible romance which clouded the "Un-finished."

Mr. Bartlett sketches for a hobby, but will do very little of this while in Hong Kong because he is too busy. She has taken on three jobs in addition to looking after her baby—as a typist in Jardine's, an announcer at Radio Hong Kong, and an occasional hostess at the Chero Services Club.

She tells me she is inspired by the natural beauty of Hong Kong, and must capture on canvas an April dawn breaking across The Peak. She enjoys doing flowers, and was terrified one afternoon at the Botanic Gardens when a crowd suddenly gathered to observe her progress as she sketched a bunch of marigolds.

Former musician makes good

Among the passengers who will be leaving on the Coru on Friday is Mr. Ken Baker, the Government's Labour Officer. He and Mrs. Baker are going to the United Kingdom where Mr. Baker will take a special three-month course on trade unionism.

Encountered in his office last week, Mr. Baker told me that his appointment has been confirmed in London. Before returning here he plans to take a few months' holiday.

Formerly a musician in Jack Hilton's band, Mr. Baker worked for a time in Mauritius before coming to Hong Kong. He was always interested in trade unionism among musicians in London, and sat on several committees with famous unionists who have since become members of the Labour Cabinet.

Mr. Baker's young son will not be leaving with his parents, but will stay behind to complete his examinations and then fly over.

A big man, and in many respects typical of the British trade unionist, Mr. Baker told me he had to leave his career as a musician when depression hit the trade in the early '30s. He found it difficult to keep his job, and insecurity always lurked somewhere round the bend.

He went to Mauritius to help that Colony establish a trade union movement of its own, and later came here as Labour Officer. In this capacity he has acquired



MR. KEN BAKER

a wide insight into the workings of Hong Kong labour organisation.

Asked to comment on the recent labour crisis, Mr. Baker said his experience is that however

good a cause may be, the proper machinery for action must always be applied, or sympathy for the workers will go to waste. Trade unionism in Hong Kong, he thinks, is fundamentally a good thing—but the British approach, and not the Chinese approach, is what is wanted here.

Young dancer in Hong Kong

Miss Jackie Rich is the youngest member of the Rich Family—an American dance troupe who came to Hong Kong last week to perform at the Skyroom Ballroom. She is gay, pretty, vivacious and by far the most popular dancer who ever delighted all audiences in this staid Colony.

She comes from a musical family, and was taught how to dance by her father, who in turn was taught by a certain Jose Can-sino, the father of Rita Hayworth—now the Princess Aly Khan.



MISS JACKIE RICH

Miss Rich is not a classicalist, but an artiste who performs in the modern American vein. She dances for the sheer joy of it, like those who have danced for years, who turned down a fat contract because she had to play in India—where tap dancing is no better understood than Greek lore," she told George Kaufman.

Eighteen and auburn-haired, Miss Rich told me she was born in Cincinnati, Ohio. Since a very early age she has danced for her living, and is now thoroughly familiar with the fascinating world of the footlights.

A few months ago Prince Bernadotte of Sweden was so impressed by her virile interpretation of a fast dance number, that he asked to be presented.

"Jackie," her mother used to tell her, "you will have to earn your enthusiasm on feet—you'll break down one day."

In Manila, a few weeks ago her mother's caution came back to her when her tremendous exertions evoked a split in the bands that held her costume up. Terrified by the imminent nudity she swiftly improved a "break-down" number, and the audience applauded frenetically at the close, not realising the contretemps that had just been avoided.

Miss Rich is an acrobatist as well as a dancer, and her opening night performance at the Skyroom as a collegiate boogie-woogie, suggests well-trained and supple limbs.

Does she do ballet as well? I asked her, out of sheer curiosity. She said she is able to dance mostly anything, but classical ballet, being un-American, is not her forte.

She is also an actress of considerable merit, and in Manila so enthralled successive audiences with the spirit of her apache number that one lady came every Friday night to faint at the spectacle of her being pushed around and kicked by a drunken sailor in a Parisian dive.

Miss Rich stands five feet four. She is richly blonde, and a little last night enhanced the allure of her appearance. She dresses well and wears almost no jewels. Off the stage she is shy, receding. On it, she exudes that charm of which stars are made. Is her remote association with Rita Hayworth in some way symbolic?

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This was bound to happen. It has come to light that some migrants, New Australians, or what-you-will, are imbued with the idea that it is not necessary to work in Australia and while some (of us) say that the department should do something to dispel the rosy mists, some say that it is plainly a local contagion.

However if the old old story of a land flowing with milk and honey can be told round the health in far off places it must be a terrible lot-down to find that it is just as necessary for migrants to work hard in Australia as in the country of their origin.

Australians themselves work hard, or else they don't succeed. But this is not obvious in the first quick look at the country where the welkin resounds with grumbling about even a 40-hour week.

The A.F.T. (Australian Tired Feeling) is a highly contagious evil but after the first bout newcomers earnestly develop their resistance and battle on towards security which they see, even though it can only be won the hard way. This stands out in the uncompromising attitude of the majority as they slog away at the oft-times uncommensal jobs allotted for the first two years as part of their bargain.

Toughest thing about the indenture system is the waste of good professional skill which specially qualified men and women are put to minimal labour. The ordinary citizen considers it a very odd thing to deliberately divert talents which could so materially assist in national development, and to the migrants themselves it must seem too utterly utter. The foolishness got an airing when six foreign doctors after completing three years further study at the Sydney University were debarred on a ballot from the right to practice because the quota was filled. Result is that a proposal to abolish the quota system will be put before the State Cabinet and when this is ignored there's a chance that some other parochial clause affecting migrants will be revised.

Queensland's Premier, Hanlon thinks that new Australians would be more quickly caught up into the Australian way of life if there was a reduction in the period of residence in Australia from the present five years before naturalisation. He advocates that one day a month be set aside in every Australian city and township for naturalisation ceremonies to inculcate a national pride in the 'new' and demonstrate that Australian citizenship was worthwhile to the 'old.' Suggestion from a Citizenship conference is for well-established migrants to form groups to help new arrivals become assimilated into community life, and with a few oldies along to put some give as well as take into the know-how it could be a good show.

Way of life

Most over-worked phrase in current speechifying is the 'Australian way of life' but to get a spontaneous definition is on a par with the one about a spiral staircase.

Professor Bland, Emeritus Professor of Public Administration, stated through the Press his summing up that our life is a compound of inheritance, isolation and environment. Says we inherit the British love of law and

order, a sense of justice and a hatred of being pushed around that makes the Australian difficult to drive, but easy to lead.

From our isolation we tend to develop irresponsibility and indifference to matters beyond our shores, which makes us very harsh to foreigners and intolerant of their habits. However he thinks climatic influences tend to overshadow our inherited trends.

Sport is more important than culture; work is an evil; anything is good enough, and that's why we tend to be afraid of new Australians. There, it's out: the Prof. thinks we're a lot of 'frailty-caust' Pretty stark, isn't it!

The wheel of misfortune came full cycle with the terrific explosion which blasted the interior of the tank landing ship H.M.A.S. 'Festoon' moored at the naval dockyard, Garden Island. Petrol fumes from a disabled tank between decks ignited either by men smoking or a spark from an electric fan are thought to have caused the disaster which resulted in the death of six ratings and (fatal) injuries to 20 others trapped by blazing debris. More than 1,000 people responded to radio appeals for blood donations and doctors and nurses worked day and night to save the lives of the injured who were rescued by men of reckless courage and heroism hoarding the burning ship to free the trapped.

First shot in the attack on the high cost of living will be fired by Federal Treasurer Fadden when he asks the Cabinet to combine the social service tax of 10 per cent with the income tax (which would save for the taxpayer a large part of the 1/10) and also to eliminate in some cases and reduce in others, sales tax on household and house-building commodities.

Everyone is panting to learn what the expert committee on taxation will suggest when Parliament meets this month. Apart from the complex machinery of the Taxation Department, the present system makes a pig-in-a-poke good business, and an amendment to the act is wanted to give the taxpayer ready means of checking his assessment.

Mr. Fadden is not inclined to bend his back and bow his head to the British Treasury in the matter of Australia's contribution to the dollar pool and his influence was seen in the Federal Government's action on petrol in Canberra where a policy of change of Government policy is sticking out of the Treasurer's claim that Australia's contribution to the sterling dollar pool is much greater than it appears on paper.

The point is being made that by supplying Britain with meat, butter, wheat, copra and certain base metals Australia is freeing considerable quantities of dollars, and is relieving Britain of the obligation to spend dollars on them. This line of reasoning shows that Australia is actually earning more dollars than she is given credit for, and therefore should be given a more liberal allowance from the pool. Another angle is that—Australia should make an attempt to earn more dollars by direct sales to her enemy countries, and while dollars so earned would go into the dollar pool they would show more substantially on the credit side of Australia's ledger.

The harsh grating sound of a political pebble in the shoe—whence, within reach of the petal chimney—is the strike which has paralysed the activities of the Shell Oil Company in New South Wales. Deliberately timed to

embarrass the Menzies Government which has been sitting up at night to solve the petrol problem, the strike which was ordered and furthered by the disputes committee of the Trades and Labour Council, cost the community the loss of nearly 21,000,000 gallons in the first week. Political observers maintain there was no genuine industrial grievance—merely an attempt to discredit the non-Labour Federal Government on an issue to which labour brought neither good sense or initiative.

While most land men are rubbing their hands over the satisfactory state of prices and yields the curtain has fallen on a sad little story of close settlement in Victoria. No other job than farming and has no land to farm. It all comes of the official idea that a 640-acre Malle block in a key-vench rainfall area would give a family a living. Villain of the piece was the State Water Supply Commission which was unable to keep water flowing through channels continually being blocked by drift sand, and which cost £20,000 a year. When this closer settlement scheme was set up in 1924 there were over 1,000 people in 3,000 square miles, but now there are barely 200 and these are just creaking out a living with sheep and an occasional wheat crop.

Crazy people?

There's a new gold rush following a certain discovery but even though sensational highlights stand out like beacons it's not likely to help the economy of the country or the individual. The big trek started after a society hostess appeared on a fashionable beach wearing a gold-plated swimsuit and it didn't take long for the prospectors (gender mainly feminine) to smell out the most likely spot to stake a claim. The place was not hot to the firm with the exclusive rights and the enquirers don't care what they pay if only etc., etc. But as the firm hasn't a stack of Milfas modes ready to hand out, the hope of commonsense is likely to be brought into play between now and then. The togs are made by a new American process by which 22-carat gold is plated on the material; in America the cost is 10/- per foot but as yet no one will hazard an estimate of the cost of the Australian-made for the Australian maid.

Bid to grab the spotlight occasionally for male attire is made by Jimmy Onions in his role of local-boy-makes-good. He left Australia in 1932 with one suit and now he's wearing 22 suits for every-day wear, and three cocktail-suits of silk, satin, and crepe de Chine, in vivid colours and—art moderne designs—Mr. A. James Onions who is an inferior decorator, leaves that all his crowd wear the but oh-so-exotic clothes and think nothing of it. His crowd? Why, all the Bohemian crowd of course—Michael Wilding, Jimmy Mason et al. Mr. Onions thinks that if women can get away with wearing a more resplendent dress of earlier centuries than so can men, and to this end he got himself a broadsword, waistcoat to square a Regency frock to the ballet.



H: the symbol that destroys

History will probably record that the Hydrogen Bomb was born on September 23, 1949.

For years there has been nothing "top secret" about the awesome explosive potential of the hydrogen atom.

Back in 1946 a theoretical treatise on the weapon by Hans Thirring was being sold across Vienna bookshop counters.

As the report by the United States Government Atomic Energy Commission reveals, investigation into the nature of the hydrogen atom has been going on quietly but persistently for years.

But it was not until President Truman announced in Washington one warm afternoon last September that Russia had managed to produce a plutonium-type atomic weapon, and explode it that these theories became urgent and imperative.

Though public announcements at the time expressed complacency and a total lack of worry, Russia's possession of an atom bomb at least as effective as those dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki caused surprise and shock in America.

Stalin's scientists had done this job at least two years earlier than anyone had expected.

Race was on

And so, starting from September 23 last, the Atomic Race was on—and America's military men, scientists, and statesmen immediately had to decide what to do to keep their country in front.

The Hydrogen Bomb, which would theoretically have 1,000 times the destructive force of the present-day bombs, was an obvious answer. But it was not as easy as that. David Lillenthal, Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, has put it deciding to build the H-Bomb is rather like deciding to buy a house.

Should you buy a house or put the money into your children's education? Should you buy or build? Should you cut down on other expenses to keep up the payments on the mortgage?

Secret talks

Questions as simple as fundamental, but a good deal more portentous were discussed first by the scientists and military strategists, then by the President and his advisers in highly secret meetings at the White House.

By William Hardcastle

One fundamental question was: Is it really worth making the H-Bomb. A project which might be expected to produce the finished article in about three years would cost at least £200,000,000.

It was not until April 1945, when the first bomb was tested in the New Mexico desert, that anybody was sure that the £700,000,000 spent on the Hiroshima-type weapon would "pay off."

Even so, military opinion was that, especially in view of the probability that Russia's apparently excellent physicists were already hard at work on the H-Bomb, the project should be started immediately.

But the very likelihood of Russia's activities raised other doubts in the minds of the politicians and diplomats. They wondered about the basic advisability of plunging headlong into an atomic-arms race with Russia without fully exploring the possibilities of settlement.

So no appeal

They appreciated the military point of view, but wondered whether a last appeal to sense

could not halt the race before it led to disaster.

Consideration of these doubts has led President Truman and his advisers to the conviction that a direct appeal to Stalin is now out of the question. The suggestion of such unilateral attempts by Washington to settle international problems with Moscow has produced alarm among America's allies, especially Britain, in the past.

The fear was that the two Great Powers might "do a deal" between themselves without other countries being consulted.

The only hope, therefore—and it is admittedly a slim one—is for agreement for international atomic control in the United Nations.

Just a bang

There is one other important fact about the Hydrogen Bomb which is important to the problem it poses: All work and money that are put into it can produce no possible benefit for the world at peace. Unlike the original Atom Bomb, it holds forth no promise of a great new source of industrial energy or major advances in medical science.

As one scientist has put it: "It's a big bang and nothing else."

Many scientists are worried about the completely destructive character of the H-Bomb, which can be expected to make a future war far worse than anything the people of Hiroshima experienced.

I have it on the best authority that theoretical investigation into the H-Bomb has included examination of the possibility of a series of H-Bomb explosions resulting in radioactive pollution of the world's atmosphere.

The conclusion is that such an eventually won't occur—but the fact that it should be considered at all emphasises the nightmarish aspects of the H-Bomb, against which some scientists find themselves instinctively rebelling.

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The London I loathe

By
Maurice Wiggin

Janet and Bill were very polite about it, but you could see that they were quite glad to be going.

When we had met their train they had worn the bright, excited look of people starting a holiday. But when we saw them off they had the serene air of people who are going home.

I suppose it takes 10 years to get the measure of London. In my 11 years there I guess have at last got a fairly well-balanced view. But there are still lots of things I loathe.

I am not actually scared any more by the size of the place. It takes time to realise that eight million decent people are no more a menace than eight hundred.

And I've almost grown out of regretting the absence of scenery. We English take scenery seriously. For years I resented the fact that I could not look out of the kitchen window right across the Severn Valley to the Marches of Wales.

Well, I had to get used to the fact that there is no scenery—nothing a Welshman or a Northerner would call scenery—within about a hundred miles of Marble Arch.

Adventurous types

But you cannot live on scenery. It is people that you live on. And, I must say the people I meet in London are interesting enough for anybody.

Naturally, they are mainly provincial, like me, the more adventurous sort who always find their way to The Big Smoke: the continuous blood-transfusion a city must have if it is not to become as stale and dull as Birmingham.

Yes, I like the people. In fact, I want London to be a closed shop for people. We must get the animals out of the city: it is no place for them.

I loathe the scurrying, stamping of hooves as a big cart horse tries to get a grip on the wet surface of a street that was never made for horse-shoes.

Have you ever seen a horse trying to turn from a side-street into a main stream of London traffic? Or completely closed-in in a traffic jam?

I admit freely that all the horses I see are wonderfully well cared for; but these are still terrible sights.

And a dog's life in London is rotten. Have you watched a loose dog trying to cross a busy street? It is a lovely sight.

But this brings us to something fundamental about London: the traffic. Everyone agrees that it is a disgrace. But whereas some people are trying to think of ways of speeding it up, I am after slowing it down.

What is the hurry? Speed is a monstrous folly. The basic cause of almost all accidents is speed. I am tired of jumping and dodging and running and being generally brow-beaten.

There are just two major divisions of Londoners: motorists and pedestrians. And the pedestrian has a miserable time.

As a motorist who has driven safely for 20 years I do not give a damn what the motorists' organisations say: I say 15 miles an hour is plenty fast enough.

You can count the dead, and the maimed: no one knows the number of nightmares, the feverish arithmetic of neuroses. Now when I have run and jumped and dodged my way across a busy London street I feel like a nice cup of tea. So I look for a snack bar.

I am very fond of snack bars. They are a lovely sight. I have been waiting on: so the snack bar is just the job for an easy-going gregarious chap who was brought up on the tea-pot.

And London is full of them.

Luncheon lament

So what am I a-grumbling about? I'm a grumbling about the grub. Those limp "luncheon-meat" sandwiches: those horrible cakes: the monotonous standardisation of the menu.

Now the French know how to cope with unpromising raw materials, and I reckon that by now we ought to have got used to the shortage of meat and dreamed up a few substitutes for the good old ham sandwich.

I'd like to see a great bowl of real salad on the snack bar counter, and a bowl of whelks, and cockles, and cels, and mussels, and shrimps.

I want variety and enterprise:

I want to be able to say: "All right, take you to Joe's—you can get a nice bowl of butter-beans at Joe's. Or would you prefer Fred's—he does a lovely line in hot peas and gravy."

The fact is that in one important respect the London poor live better than the London rich.

Cheap, good

You can count on a fine meal at any fish-and-chip saloon, but you need to be lucky as well as rich to get a fine meal at an expensive hotel.

And I do not think much of the legendary excellence of Soho food, either. You can get as good a rissole in Shoreditch as in Soho.

The nicest thing about London? Its pretty, shapely, silly young girls. The nastiest? Its silly young men. I suppose the horrors I see around are boys who spent the war years without training to speak of.

Loudish fellows, too many of them: rude, ignorant, and predatory. Curious haircuts, curious clothes. Thank God for conservatism.

Murder, he says

But there is one great drawback to living in London that dwarfs all others.

You can make yourself very comfortable.

You can reconcile yourself to the noise and the size, and the bad air.

You can determine to indulge yourself in the pleasures of the capital.

You can make a lot of money. But you can't make a home.

A home means more than a house. I understand exactly how they felt Bill and Janet, and they were savouring the moment when they would see the little town spring again clear and familiar to their eyes as the train rounded the bend.

In one glance they would encompass and accept the whole of it. From one spot they would see the fields both sides of it, its entire and self-sufficing and familiar, surrounded visibly on all sides by grass.

The whole view would break up into nearer part—views: soon they would be recognising folk they actually knew, and saying "Hello! It was lovely—but it's nice to be home. How's the garden? Then their own front garden and their own front door. I understand.

The remarkable Westerling

By a special correspondent

Once again the Far East has thrown up a mysterious figure, flitting through the Javanese jungle on to the front pages of the world's newspapers.

Those of us who knew Westerling—most of us in those days of five years ago he was Captain Raymond P. Westerling, and we never found out what the "P.P." stood for—the news of his fighting in Java meant only one thing—Westerling.

It's all completely in character—the methods, the mystery, and the audacity—that is Westerling to the life.

When we occupied Sumatra in 1945 Raymond Westerling was already there. He had dropped with the Japanese "Volunteer" boys of Force 136, the body of men of all races who went in first to establish resistance movements.

Had spy team

The first day I met him I knew that here was, perhaps, the most astonishing man I was ever to meet. I found that although he had only been in the island for two months and had never before been to the Netherlands East Indies he had organised an intelligence service which blanketed the 1,000-mile island. And for a stranger that takes some doing.

Nothing that happened in Sumatra was missed by him; he knew about it within a few hours.

Westerling had been trained in Britain—in the Wolverhampton district—with the Dutch forces. He had served as a Commando.

He is not an easy man to describe: with his powerfully cut and almost ugly features and a tough physique he looks as if he were the original Bulldog Drummond was visualised.

He is five feet seven or eight inches tall and almost triangular, with broad shoulders tapering to his feet. His arms hang down like a monkey's and they are the most muscular arms I've ever seen. He has a long nose and extraordinarily white teeth ready to flash in a smile that lights his dark face.

Naturally the girls are crazy about him and though I've never known him to act other than correctly to a woman he is fond enough of their company. All his clerks during my time were good-looking, hand-picked girls.

He told me he was half Dutch and half Turkish, which I suppose, account for his new nickname "Turco."

Head in a basket

I remember one morning going to his bungalow after we'd been told that the murders of innocent people in Medan had to be stopped.

We drank our coffee and as we did Westerling said: "I think we'll see a drop in the murders from now on. Look at this."

He kicked aside the wastepaper basket, plunged his hand into it and pulled out the hair of a severed human head.

It was the head of one of the terror leaders. He told me how he got it.

"My intelligence service tracked him down in less than two hours," he said. "Dressed as a native, I got into his house and slipped a mask over my face. I stood in one corner of the room. He came in and walked round without seeing me. Suddenly he turned and, spotting me, froze with fright."

"It was simple. I merely took him by the hand and told him this was to be his last night. I offered him anything he wanted for his last meal."

"Do you know, the odd thing is he said, 'I don't think I want anything, thank you.' However, I cooked him some fried rice and locked him in the shower with it. When I went for him at 4 a.m. he'd eaten nothing. I told him to turn round, and with one stroke of my dah I severed his head. The body stood upright for fully 10 seconds before it dropped."

The next day I saw the astonishing sequel. The head, with its hair neatly parted, was on the steps of the mosque in the native quarter. Placed to it was a note in Westerling's handwriting. It read: "So die all murderers. We will repay." It was signed: "The League of Avengers."

Fist-fight to death

He had a fair for the theatrical even then, but I must say he never bragged about it.

On another occasion he was after an escaped Japanese secret police sergeant who was training bandits in the use of arms.

Again, the Westerling intelligence found him and off set Raymond. He caught his man easily.

"I came up behind him, in a clearing, while he watched me to a tree. While he watched me I piled at his feet a mound of explosives. To them I attached a long fuse wire. Then I blindfolded him, struck a match, and told him the fuse would burn for 20 minutes. Went away."

"I came back 20 minutes later: the man was a saving lunatic. Of course, I'd not lighted the fuse at all."

I rather pity another Japanese escapee Westerling caught. He found him washing in his house.

"I crept in," he told me, "and caught him. I lit a match and lit his pants down. He did not hear me. I fired my revolver between his legs into the floor and never saw a man so scared."

"I shouted 'Get up,' threw away my revolver, and went for him with my bare fists. He got up little fight, but he was dead when I'd finished. He'd train no more men in the use of weapons."

Defied ambush

Westerling showed an utter disregard for personal danger and absolutely no fear.

Once the two of us were out in his car in the hills. Suddenly shots rang out. We were ambushed. I admit I kept my foot low as the car sped on. But not Westerling. As the first shot whistled he stood up on the seat with his revolver in his hand. He was wounded in the head but managed to shoot two natives dead though we were travelling pretty fast.

He rarely talked to anyone about his private life. He was always slightly secretive, but he did confide in me that he'd married an English girl while he was training in the Midlands. The marriage did not last, though there was one small daughter. He would not tell me where his wife lived. "That's all over," he said.

When we left Java Westerling had severed all connection with the British forces and had been reabsorbed into the Dutch Army.

This astonishing man, who speaks Dutch, French, English, Turkish, and Malay fluently, told me his life's ambition as we parted.

He seeks thrills, and says that he can imagine no excitement in civilian life greater than running a night club in Rio de Janeiro. If he ever gets away from Java alive it's his for the taking. But somehow I don't think he'll make it.

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DESTINY CAN WAIT AWHILE

Time was when we all had plans and programmes for China. We were all as busy as could be in all sorts of different ways. The Japanese got busy in Manchuria, and the Lytton Commission went in to see what business they had to be so busy. There were Boxer Fund Commissions, Parliamentary delegations, Tariff Commissions, Mediation Commissions, alphabetical bodies, military advisers, plans, representations and what not.

Now all that is ended. We are on the outside looking in, and nobody quite knows what to do about it. Washington has retorted to the childish little jibe about her alleged reluctance to carry out the withdrawal of the Consuls by naming dates for those remaining to go out. It is certainly a vast change compared with two years ago, and none are more acutely conscious of it than the Americans. It is a sort of Great Western Withdrawal.

A few years ago half the Continent of Asia was occupied by the Japanese. The Allied Forces overwhelmed them and capitulation alone saved Japan herself from invasion in force. The West came to the East in such panoply of power as was undreamt of a decade before. Caesar in all his glory was never arrayed like MacArthur and Mountbatten. The volume of power and the distances covered were alike without parallel.

We mention it just in case it has been forgotten—and because the contrast today is almost incredible. But then, so was the contrast between 1945 and 1942. Great tidal waves have been moving across the Continent. Changeless Asia has become pre-eminently the world focus of change. The end of it is not yet, whether one thinks of such gigantic units as China or India. Nor is anybody certain just what will be the shape of events to come in Japan.

There are a number of very vocal people who want to do something about this sudden reduction of the West to the modest role of mere spectators in China. And some of the things they want to do are plain silly. Some want armed intervention, direct or indirect. Some say the day is lost throughout Asia from the Indian Ocean Eastward, and that the best thing to do would be to get out of these areas and let the Communist wave sweep over them. The American Secretary of State is hardly a happy man these days, but he has kept his head amid all the counsel and criticism to which he has been subjected.

In his exchange of letters a few days ago with Senator Lehman, the former head of UNRRA, Mr. Acheson emphasised that hasty or ill-considered action might do irreparable harm. He fully understood the public uneasiness over the fact that no positive course for the United States to follow within China suggested itself. But he agreed with the Senator that there was a positive course, and in the long run, a most important one. The United States, he said, should seek to maintain the friendliest relations with the peoples of Asia, and to show the Chinese people that (as desired, as always, was the advancement of their welfare and interest).

It is for us during this period to extend with tact and understanding a helping hand where we can, and a guiding hand where this will not be resented, and above all to see that the

peoples of Asia have a true picture of our aims and a true picture of Soviet Communism and a clear understanding of what each stands for. In a sense, we are thus on trial before the peoples of Asia.

Americans like red-blooded policies. There are none available in this period. There is little beyond pussyfooting to be done just now except in propaganda. It may be exasperating, but it is true just the same. The case for the West was never better—the facilities for direct influence on events never worse. They were made still worse by the impetuous decision to withdraw all the Consuls. The provocation was acute. But the decision delighted those whose provocation was specifically directed to this end. The British decision went the other way, and we are convinced it was a better decision. It was better morally, however slow practical results may come. And it was better politically, for all the taunts about loaded godowns in Hong Kong. It is probable Mr. Acheson thinks so too, but he has been badgered into defensive tactics when others would have given more promise.

Happily, a stronger line in South East Asia seems to be foreshadowed in Dr. Jessup's statements. In Singapore, he suggested that the United States might give military as well as economic and political aid to help the peoples of that area to resist Communism. That is certainly a lot better than intervention in China, or looking to Japan as the potential saviour of Asia.

It flourished in the nineteenth century all the way from Turkey to Japan. But its birthplace, so far as it had one in particular, was China; and it has never been carried to greater perfection elsewhere. A Russo-Chinese negotiation, if for those reasons alone, would be likely to be protracted.

Border satellites

But there is probably more than that in the present delays. The Russians are trying to do in the Far East what they have done in Europe—to make satellites of the border countries.

These are the four: Manchuria, Inner Mongolia, Outer Mongolia and Sinkiang. If Moscow succeeds, it will very greatly extend and strengthen its empire over Northern Asia, and deprive the Chinese of a chain of vast buffer regions.

The most important is Manchuria. While the Manchu emperors ruled in Peking, it was barred to Chinese settlement, and almost as thinly populated as the non-desert areas in the other three regions.

But since then a flood of Chinese settlers has exploited its great agricultural and mineral resources. It now contains between an eighth and a tenth of the population of China, and a still larger proportion of its natural wealth. The other three regions—each of enormous extent—are backward and sparsely populated.

The two Mongolias include the Gobi Desert, which is an Asiatic Sahara. Sinkiang, which lies between Russia and Northern Tibet and shares its Western frontier with Kashmir, consists largely of mountain ranges, some probably metalliferous but as yet imperfectly explored.

Politically, Inner Mongolia is constituted as a part of China—three provinces. Sinkiang is a Chinese dependency. Outer Mongolia is a buffer state formerly under Chinese, but now under Russian, control. Manchuria, under the treaty of 1945 made between the Governments of Stalin and Chiang Kai-shek, is a part of China in which Russia enjoys wide controls over railways and ports.

After using the Chinese Communists to expel Chiang Kai-shek's army and government from Manchuria, Russia has now taken advantage of the vacuum, no created to bring the whole region under its control, and in working not obscurely towards its incorporation in Asiatic Russia.

This can hardly fail to be one of the chief subjects engaging Mao Tse-tung at Moscow: for, to be the present tendencies (take this course, he will stand before the world the abettor of the loss of this great heritage to China.

By
Scrutator

RUSSIA AND THE NEW CHINA

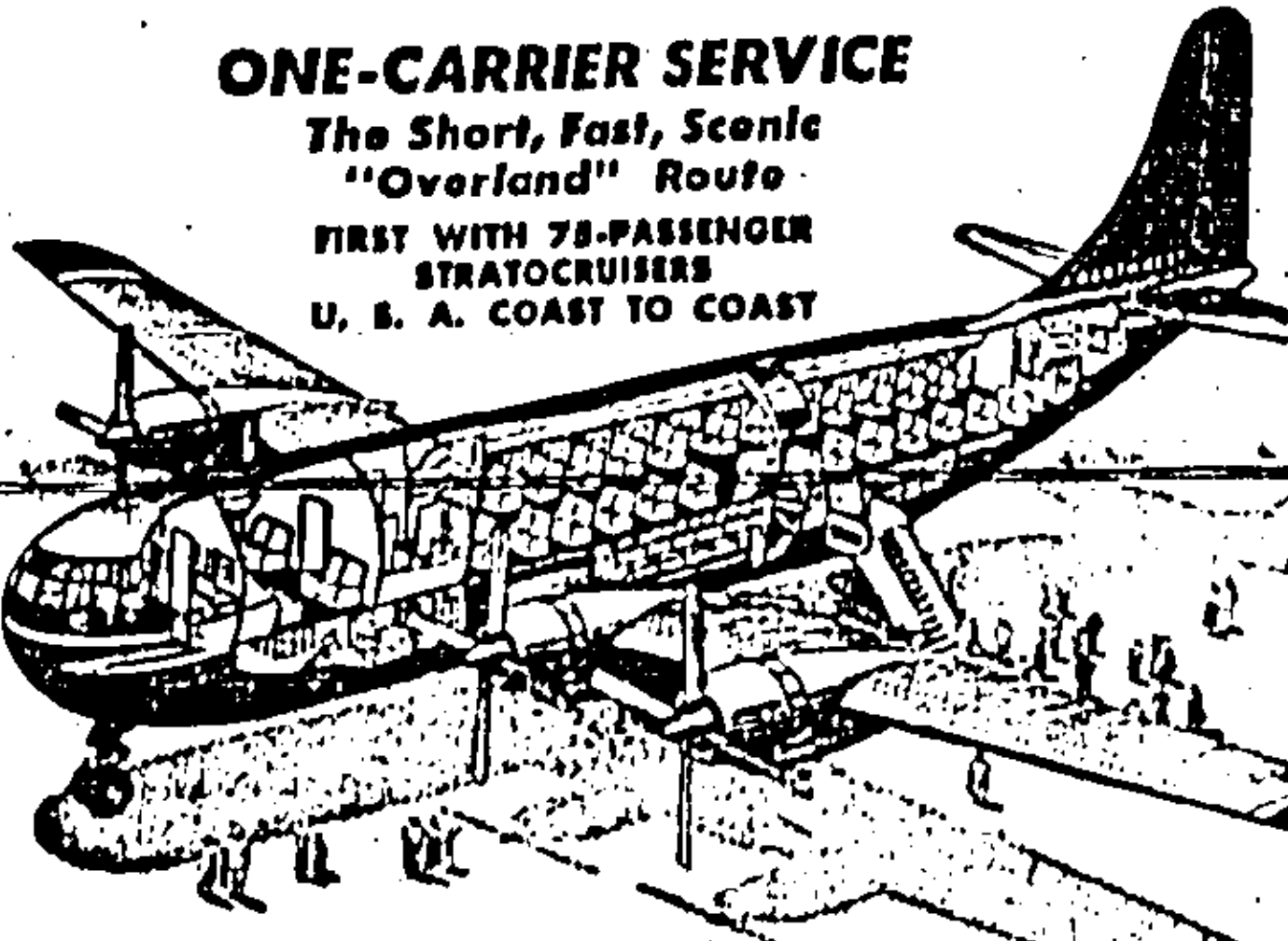
Far back in December Mao Tse-tung, the totalitarian head of Communist China, paid a visit to Moscow to take part in the celebration of Stalin's birthday, four days before Christmas.

He stayed on to negotiate with the Kremlin, and he is negotiating still, several weeks later. The negotiations, if we could see the inside of them, might well have some humorous aspects. The Russian mode of diplomacy, as we have newly learned to know it, with its shifts, delays, pivocations, cynical lies, and countless red-herrings, is in reality neither new nor Russian; it is Asiatic and immemorially old.

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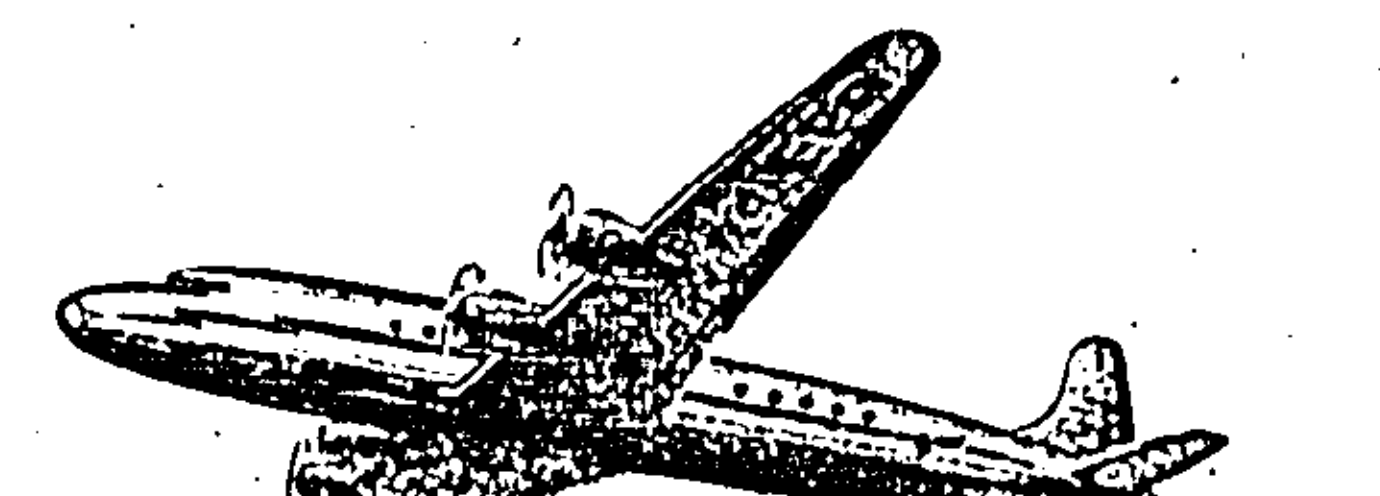
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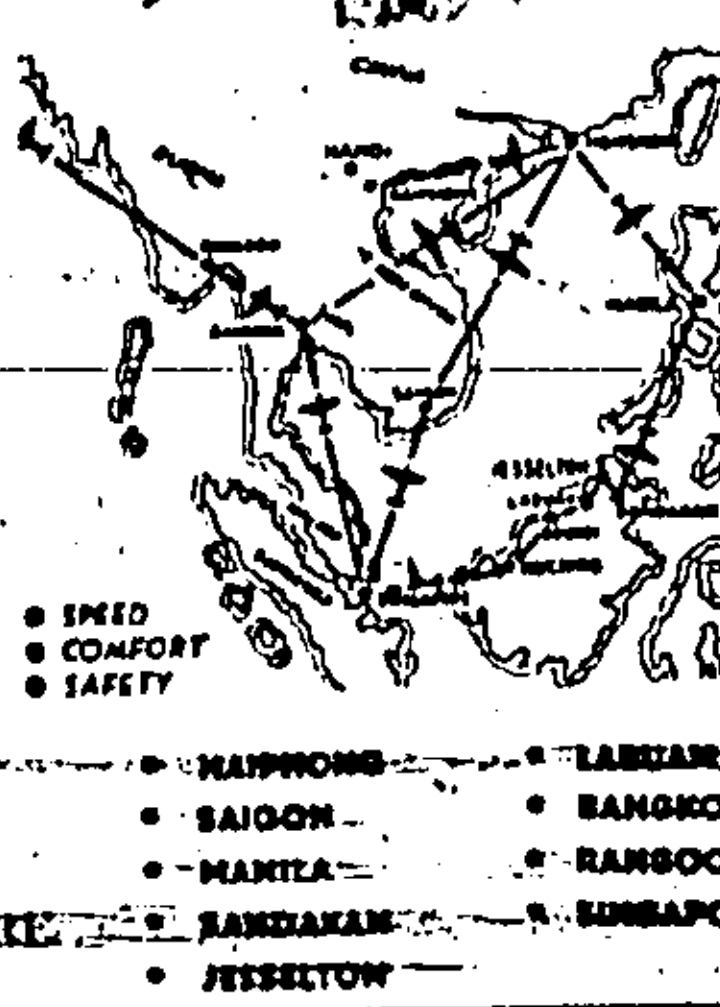
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SHANGHAI RESIDENTS PROTEST AIR RAIDS

United Nations asked to prevent bombings "WIDESPREAD DISASTER"

WASHINGTON, FEBRUARY 10. GROUPS OF PROMINENT CITIZENS IN SHANGHAI HAVE APPEALED TO THE UNITED NATIONS TO STOP THE BOMBING OF SHANGHAI BY CHINESE NATIONALIST PLANES, ACCORDING TO A STATEMENT RELEASED TODAY BY THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARIAT.

In a cable to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Trygve Lie, associations of Chinese and European residents recorded that Nationalist bombing had reduced the city's water supply to one-quarter of its normal capacity.

The cable said that last Monday's bombing had imperilled the lives of thousands of people and had taken the lives of hundreds.

LABOUR ACCUSES CHURCHILL

London, February 10.

The Labour Party last night accused the Tory leader, Winston Churchill, of trying to bribe the electorate and buy votes with his promise to give to give car owners at least a bigger petrol ration.

"Churchillian rubbish" was the epithet used by Mr. Douglas Jay, Economic Secretary of the Treasury, to describe Mr. Churchill's promise in Plymouth.

The campaign entered its second week with temperatures rising, exchanges getting more violent, and hecklers increasing the intensity of the campaign to take the measure of opposition speakers.

A high Conservative Party source ruled out all possibility of a landslide for anyone in the February 23 election. But he predicted a victory for the Conservatives on the basis of last-minute reports from all 625 parliamentary constituencies.

The Labour leader, Clement Attlee at Liverpool denounced Mr. Churchill's petrol promise as just election window-dressing to catch a few votes. He said more petrol would mean less food and less raw materials.

The Health Minister, Aneurin Bevan, at Bridgwater referred to Mr. Churchill and his pet promise as "good old Winston" who cannot separate a fool from his folly.

Mr. Bevan is sure of a Labour victory in the elections.

When reminded that Australia and New Zealand had just rejected their Socialist Government after a long trial, Mr. Bevan said firmly: "Britain does not follow the world. Britain leads the world."—United Press.

Israel and Egypt may hold talks

Cairo, February 10. Mustafa Nosrat Bey, Egyptian Minister of War, today denied a statement attributed to him that a meeting of Egyptian and Israeli representatives, planned for February 23, will be held for Palestine peace talks.

Nosrat Bey, stated last night that Egyptian and Israeli representatives would meet in the presence of United Nations officials and foreign observers.

There is no indication of what questions are to be discussed though Nosrat Bey has stated: "If we can reach an agreement, well and good. If not, Egypt will take the case to the United Nations."

"The armistice between Egypt and Israel remains in force. There has been no provocative action by the Jews," Egypt said in Tel Aviv. Foreign Office spokesman told Reuters that Israel had not been informed, either by the United Nations or the Egyptian Government, about the talks.

Asked about the statement by Mustafa Nosrat Bey, the spokesman said: "We have gone on record many times that we are ready to open peace negotiations with the Arab States. This naturally included Egypt."—Reuters.

Canadian tribute to Hong Kong

Ottawa, February 10.

Mr. L. B. Pearson, the Canadian Secretary of State for External Affairs, who was in Hong Kong recently, was much impressed by the atmosphere of optimism he found there.

In fact, he described himself as having been amazed at this atmosphere of optimism.

He referred to Hong Kong during a Press conference today, and said, "Despite the fact that more people than there are in New Zealand are living in that tiny Colony, there is real buoyancy there."

Mr. Pearson visited Hong Kong after attending the Commonwealth Conference which was held in Colombo recently.—Reuters.

AUSTRALIA VISIT BY THE KING?

Ottawa, February 10.

The hope that the King and Queen, with Princess Margaret, will visit Australia in 1951 was expressed today by Mrs. F. M. Forde, wife of the Australian High Commissioner to Canada.

Speaking at a fashion show here, she said that her country hopes it may prove possible for their Majesties to pay the visit to Australia which had to be postponed owing to the King's illness.

In London, Buckingham Palace sources said they know of no plan for the King and Queen to visit Australia in 1951.

"We have no idea of when they will make the postponed visit," they said.

The Royal tour was planned originally for late 1949. It was put off because of an operation on the King.

Other sources close to the Palace said it would be difficult for the King and Queen to leave England in 1951 for any length of time because Britain is holding a national festival that year which will most likely require their presence.—Associated Press.

"Russia a going concern"

New York, February 10.

Soviet industrialisation has rolled ahead with gathering momentum since the war and Soviet industry today is far more diversified and better equipped technically than ever before, says Edmund Stevens, recently the "Christian Science Monitor's" Moscow correspondent.

Any realistic approach to understanding Russia must be based upon the condition that the Soviet Union is a going concern and that it is not going to attempt to collapse because of unworkability. "The lower efficiency standards of Soviet performance are to some extent neutralised by the fact that under the Soviet co-

Terrorist band creates trouble in Saigon

Saigon, February 10.

Six were injured and a Government building was burned on Thursday night in an uprising of a terrorist band said to be followers of rebel Ho Chi-min.

Nine grenades were thrown in different quarters of the city. French troops opened mortar fire on the terrorists.

The Ho government has been recognised by Communist China, the Soviet Union and Soviet satellites.

French sources said Ho's followers are trying to frighten Indo-Chinese and prevent any large scale support of the French-sponsored Government of Bao Dai.

Meanwhile, the Vietnamese radio, mouthpiece of Ho's regime, hinted that Communist ultimatum aim is to capture Hong Kong and Malaya.

In a broadcast to the Vietnamese, the radio said, "Indo-China is the keystone of the imperialist barrier intended to hamper the forces of liberation on the day they will sweep through Asia against Hong Kong and Singapore."

The broadcast also said the United States cannot defend the Philippines against rebels active there.

At Phnom-Penh, the King of Cambodia received a message from President Harry Truman, urging that the two countries exchange diplomatic representatives.

The United States has recognised Cambodia and Vietnam, as well as the State of Laos in North Western Indo-China, as independent members of the French Union.

Note to Bao

A formal note from President Truman recognizing Vietnam, headed by former Emperor Bao Dai, was received on Thursday.

The note was delivered to Bao Dai by Mr. Edmund Gullon, new American Consul-General, who arrived by plane from Washington.

In his message, the President expressed the hope there will be an exchange of diplomatic representatives between the United States and the Vietnam state. It is believed Mr. Gullon may become Ambassador or Minister, if an American Embassy or Legation is opened here.

British and American recognition of Bao Dai, political observers here believe, will more than offset the recent recognition by Russia of the rival rebel Ho Chi-minh regime, a Nationalist group fighting both Bao Dai and the French.

The French High Commissioner, M. Leon Pignon, prepared to leave for Paris to confer with the Premier, Georges Bidault, on the situation in Indo-China. It is understood that he intends to discuss the possibility of a Chinese Communist attack from the North.—Associated Press.

ordinated economic planning, some of the waste and duplication of competitive economy are eliminated," his report points out.

The unlimited pool of regimented labour, plus elimination of unemployment and crises of over-production, has given the Soviet centralised control system an edge on the free economy of capitalism, the reporter asserted.—Associated Press.

PRELATE ON HOUR OF DOOM

York, February 10.

The Archbishop of York demanded today that Britain try again for an international A-bomb agreement before the hour of doom begins to strike.

The initiative should be taken on the highest level by whatever Government rules in Britain after the General Election, the Archbishop, Dr. Cyril Garbett, said in a Rotary Club address.

"We have more to lose and to gain than the U.S.A.," he said. "There must be no delay."

"Unless the deadlock is broken the strain will become unendurable. Fear, hate or the impossibility of keeping up in the armaments race will drive some nation to use its bombs treacherously and suddenly in the hope of victory. Retaliation will follow and the world will soon be covered with ruins, with the corpses of millions slain and with tens of millions of terrified men and women, destitute and starving."—Associated Press.

ARABS RATTLE THE SABRE

Beirut, February 10.

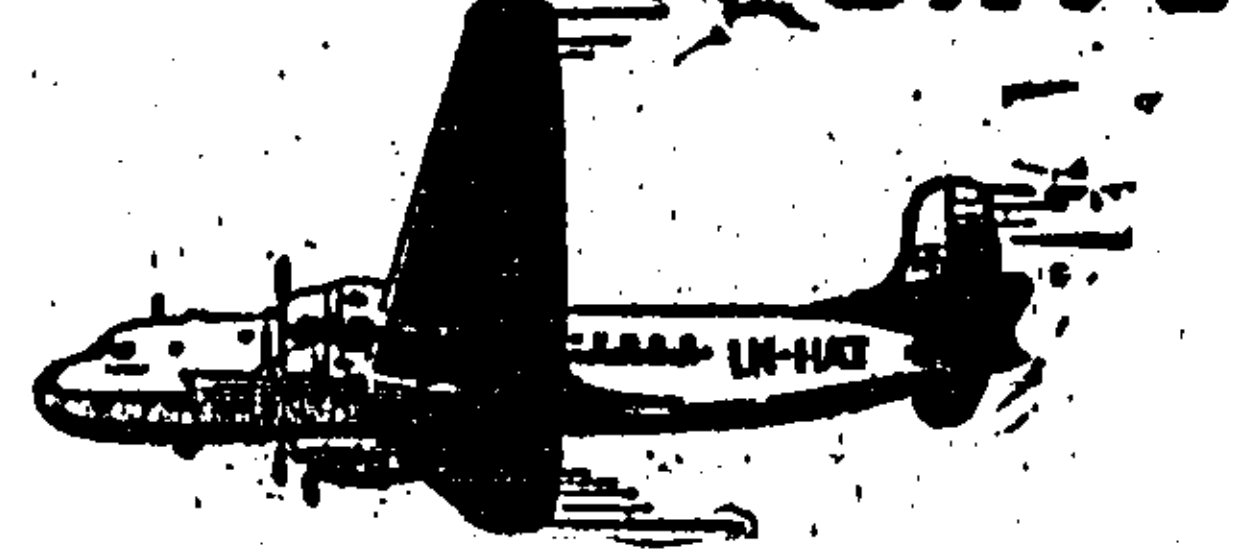
Arab refugees from Palestine were called to a meeting to hear officers of the "Liberation Army" discuss the methods to "free Palestine" from the present catastrophe. It was reported in Beirut today.

The officers insisted on the resumption of hostilities to the last man, the reports said, adding that a secret meeting followed at which undisclosed resolutions were taken.

A telegram was said to have been sent to President Faysel El Khoury of Syria, saying, "Nothing can rescue the Arabs from their fearful situation except serious action."

Another telegram to the Egyptian Premier, Nahas Pasha, and to the Mufti Hussein and Azzam Pasha urged King Farouk in the "names of the sacred warriors" to provide the refugees with adequate means to "resume the sacred war to liberate Palestine," the reports added.—Associated Press.

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SERIOUS RIOTS IN CALCUTTA

Calcutta, February 10.

New stabbings, brick-battings, bombings, shootings and robberies were reported today in the aftermath of the outbreak of Hindu-Muslim violence. The police said they had everything under control, but extended the dawn to dusk curfew for another 24 hours.

SENATOR AFRAID TO TALK

Washington, February 10. Senator Brian McMahon told reporters today that he cannot give even a hint of the costs of the H-bomb project because every word he says is sent to the Soviet Union by the Tass news agency.

After a closed meeting of his Joint Congressional Atomic Energy Committee, Mr. McMahon indicated that the President will not ask for any new amount of money, but immediately that he declined to give any hint of the ultimate cost of building the bomb.

"I couldn't tell you," he said. "We have a representative here of a news agency that transmits every word I say to the Soviet Union." The news conference was attended by John Montgomery who is listed in the Congressional Directory as representing the "Tass" Telegraphic Agency of the USSR. A few days ago Senator McMahon abruptly ended a news conference because it was attended by a correspondent for the Communist "Daily Worker."

Today's conference was held after Mr. McMahon's Committee met in closed session with members of the Atomic Energy Commission. Senator McMahon said the Committee discussed a number of questions with the AEC men including the case of Dr. Klaus Fuchs. The Committee has known of Dr. Fuchs's confession for a week but does not have an actual copy, he said, adding that the FBI Director, Edgar Hoover, had promised to keep the Committee informed of all developments in the case.

The Senate Democratic leader, Scott Ladd, said today that the H-bomb production will not interfere with continued efforts to speed the development of atomic energy for peacetime uses.

He told a radio audience that President Truman had no alternative to ordering the bomb production. "But I believe there are good reasons for hope even in the terrible situation we face today. I do not think the communists in the Kremlin will visit the children of Russia, China and the Russian people," United Press.

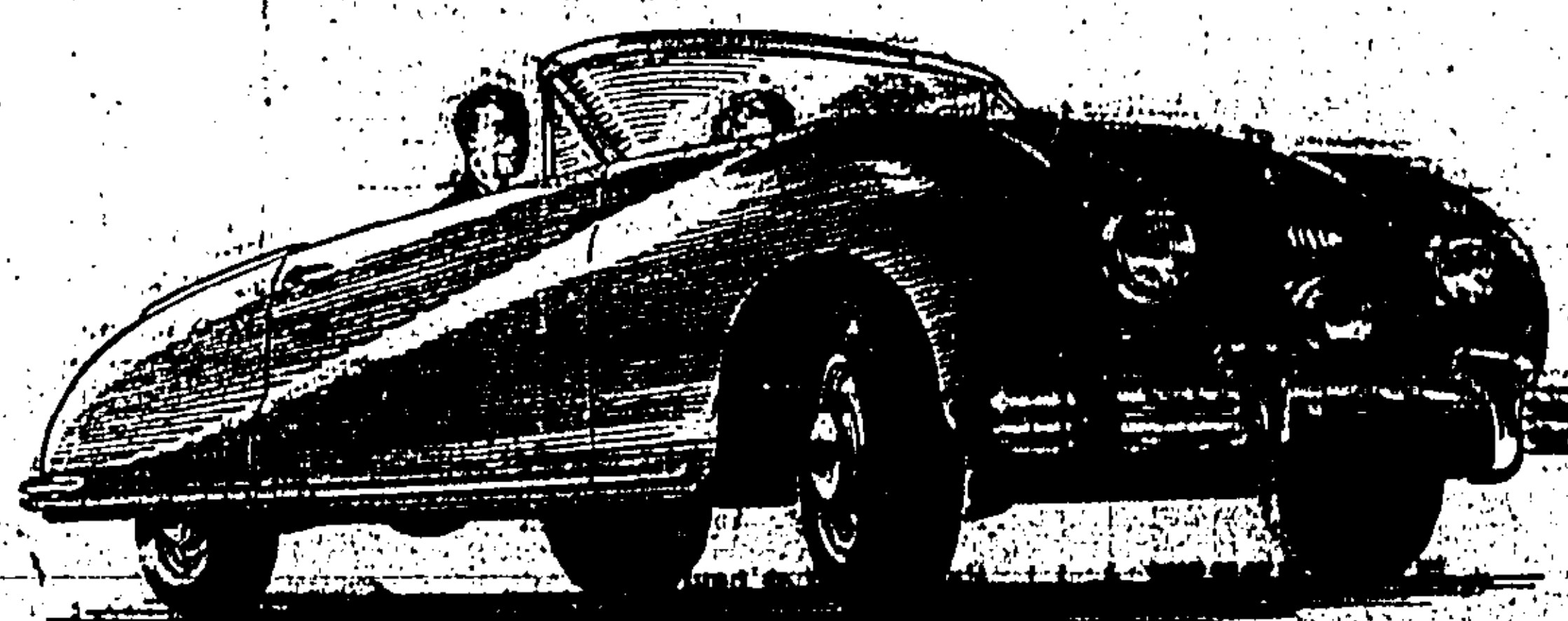
IKE FAVOURS H-BOMB

New York, February 10. General Dwight D. Eisenhower, wartime Supreme Allied Commander in Europe, said here that the United States should manufacture the hydrogen bomb. "To do otherwise would be burying our heads in the sand," he said in a speech last night. General Eisenhower is now President of Columbia University.

EDUCATION WEEK IN SINGAPORE

Singapore, February 10. Singapore will have an education week from May 8-13, the first in this colony's history. The object is to stimulate parents' interest in what is going on in schools and what to expect in the future. Mr. A.W. Frisby, Director of Education, announced.

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NEUTRALITY PROBLEM BIGGEST OBSTACLE TO JAPAN PEACE TREATY

Tokyo, February 11.

One of the biggest obstacles to the Japanese peace treaty is the problem of insuring the neutrality of this nation which has renounced war and whose new constitution states that she will have no military machine.

When the Americans speak of keeping Japan neutral, they mean keeping Japan out of Russia's sphere of influence.

Russian statements and actions indicate that she interprets a neutral Japan as being a Japan not under American influence.

The problem is to find a solution that suits both sides in the East-West cold war which is proving more and more intense here in the Far East.

Obviously this is not going to be an easy job for the diplomats when the peace talks occur, and General MacArthur has told visitors that he has no definite suggestion to put forth.

General MacArthur has been quoted as saying, "I am certain that both Russia and the United States will have one point in common at the treaty conference. That is mutual desire and agreement that Japan shall not be permitted armed forces in the future."

General MacArthur believes that Japan must build her new place in the world as a neutral nation, without arms or a desire to fight, and a nation whose neutrality is respected by other powers.

Strategical point

He believes that the money which formerly went into Japan's military machine must be used in misery in unlivable reserves.

Slowly, she started the one-man movement in October 1943, was recently charged with sedition against the Crown. "I will go on with my rebellion against the Crown," he declared. "I will go on hunger strike to obtain the liberation of my nation from the oppression of the men who have dominated us for centuries." United Press.

UN role

Few believe the United States will withdraw from the long as the threat of Communist aggression in Asia remains. Still few believe the United States would agree to Russia serving as a peace conference to any plan which would make the United States the protector of Japan's neutrality.

Some quarters here think that the United Nations may eventually play a role in solving the problem. If there ever evolved an effective way for that international body to enforce its decisions.

However, even the question of what nations will attend the peace conference is one that presents problems. The U.S. wants all 11 nations represented on the Far Eastern Commission to participate on a no-veto basis. Russia wants it to be the Big Four of the Pacific—which now claims includes Communist China.

All things considered, observers here believe that the Japanese peace conference will not be held soon.

Avalanche disaster in French Alps

Paris, February 10.

Nine people, including a child, were killed when two mountain huts were swept away by an avalanche at Tignes in the French Alps today.

Five dead bodies—three of them women—and two children, one of them dying, were dug out by rescue workers.

Deep snow is hindering rescue work and there is risk of new falls.

Workers from the Tignes dam and mobile police are tonight trying to dig out the snow-covered road from Gourg St. Maurice to Tignes.

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THE CASE OF THE VANISHED AMERICAN HEIRESS

I have just received a greeting card from an American millionaire's daughter. It came by North Atlantic airmail, a gilt-encrusted painting on blue silk, with a faint perfume from the Champs Elysees.

I remember so well the girl who sent it. We met in London 12 years ago when she was just 17. She was a pretty little creature, slender and slight, with dark hair and eyes of that unusual deep blue known to the Irish as "hog-shadow."

She spoiled my Christmas dinner that year. But it was a bitter-sweet sacrifice. For it helped to prevent her spoiling her own life.

Her millionaire father, Mr. Robert G. Seedan, had begun 30 years before making pills as a drug-store assistant. By the time his daughter Marita was 17, he had built up a chemical manufacturing corporation which was a 20,000,000-dollar enterprise—and he had no other heir.

That same winter of 1937 Mr. Seedan brought Marita to England. A business trip for him. A shopping excursion for her.

The Count with the polite yawn

Most of the five days in the Mauritania Mr. Seedan paid the penalty of millionaire—was isolated in his cabin with two male secretaries, three stenographers, a flurry of cables and radio-telephone calls to London, New York, Chicago, Paris.

But young Marita found a companion. His shrewd brown eyes fell upon her thoughtfully within a few minutes of studying the passenger list. Count Antonio Renaldi Grandini—"Call me Tony, please."

The suave Count swept Marita off her feet. Before the end of the voyage she told him her father's plans. They were to spend Christmas in London, then go to Cannes for a month.

"Ah—Cannes, eh?" Count Grandini politely stangled a yawn. My family abandoned their chalet in Cannes several years ago," he smiled charmingly. "Frankly, the place was getting too crowded." He was about 35, and there were grey streaks in his oiled black hair.

They arranged to meet in London. Marita's father had taken four suites at a famous West End hotel for his entourage of secretaries and confidential stenographers.

After the first week in London, Mr. Robert Seedan raised his head from the cares of his pharmaceutical empire—to realize that it was 2 a.m. and his young daughter not returned.

Marita came in, bit giggle with unaccustomed champagne. She was pleased when her father said: "This Count friend of yours, honey—invite him to lunch—I want to meet him."

Mr. Seedan, who was a grave and careful business man, took time in reaching his own shrewd worldly opinion upon Count Grandini. He drew that worthy suitor into a private corner.

"The fact is," he said, "Marita is a lovely girl—very nice. I know you're just being nice—to the kid—but she takes it too seriously."

"Ah—but so do I!" protested the Count. The millionaire's grey eyes raked him.

"In that case," he said grimly, "I think you'd better not see any more of her until she's at least 21."

That afternoon Mr. Seedan had a real blazing argument with his daughter over her friendship with the Count.

"I love him," wrote the heiress.

Next day he said: "Look, honey, go do some Christmas shopping. I'll make you feel better." He was quite surprised when she agreed.

She did not return for lunch. In the early afternoon a messenger delivered a sealed envelope to the hotel for Mr. Robert G. Seedan. It was from his daughter.

"Dear Pop—It's no use. I love him—the Count—mean, Tony—and we are going away together, and please do not worry. Pop, do not worry. I shall be safe."

High Blood Pressure Kills Men & Women

Many men and women suffer from high blood pressure, which is a mysterious disease that strikes about 10% of the population. It is the most common cause of heart disease and stroke. It is often called the "silent killer" because it can be present for years without any symptoms. It is caused by a narrowing of the arteries, which forces the heart to pump harder to get blood to the organs. This can lead to heart failure, kidney failure, and other serious complications. It is important to get regular check-ups and to follow a healthy diet and exercise routine to keep blood pressure under control.

all right, perfectly. I mean, as we are to be married. I will telephone you to-night. Yours lovingly, Marita."

About 10 minutes later a glittering black-and-tan Daimler limousine, lengthily as a Thames Embankment tram, halted silently outside Marlborough street Police Station.

Then into my office came Mr. Robert G. Seedan. He told me about his vanished daughter and the mysterious Count Grandini.

By Supt. Robert Fabian

He showed me the note from Marita.

"Where was the Count staying?" I asked.

"About a week ago," he replied, my chauffeur dropped this Count Grandini at a block of flats near Belgrave-square."

The clue of the shabby shoes

While Mr. Seedan went back to his quartet of 10-guinea-a-day suites to await his daughter's promised phone message, I went to look at the flats the chauffeur had indicated.

I explained who I was and the manager allowed me to see Count Grandini's suite.

It was a tiny flat. A lounge, bed in curtained alcove, and separate bathroom. Bachelor quarters that might well have suited a nobleman of quiet taste.

But somehow I was suspicious of the Count's tastes. I had a look inside his wardrobe. There were only two outfits, a lounge suit and evening clothes.

His cabin trunk, beneath the bed, was of a shoddy fibre, with tin lock. Also under the bed was a pair of shoes, recently worn, as the mud splashes upon them indicated.

You can tell much about a man from his shoes. Not merely that they were noticeably down-at-heel, but also they had never been polished underneath between the sole and heel. Therefore, the shoes had never been cleaned by a valet, nor the boot-black of an exclusive hotel.

There was a little heap of confetti's empty paper bags in a dressing-table drawer, and sandwich crumbs, cake remnants. The Count had been saving money on meals.

His book on etiquette

Then I found a cheap, paper-backed booklet on "Etiquette. Specimen Letters and Modes of Address in Polite Society."

Ruthlessly, we searched his writing-desk. The blotter had been used recently. I held it to a mirror, picked out a fragment of a sentence: "her to Gret. G. G. your shore not...goten."

It was all too clear that young Marita had been virtually abducted by a penniless bonster. I reported back to her father. His tired face seemed to go a shade sadder.

"Nothing to show where they've gone?" he asked. "Not unless it's Gretina Green." I said. "Then, the phone rang. He snatched it. Then he looked up at me quickly. It was his daughter. 'But, Marita, honey—where are you—I know, but no, listen—'

She hadn't listened. She had rung off. 'She said she was all right, not to try and find her, and when next I see her she will be a real live Countess—and that's all,' the millionaire said, huskily.

"Did you get that caller's number?" I asked the switchboard.

The operator was apologetic. "The caller wouldn't give it, sir—but the call came through Dumfries Exchange."

"So it IS Gretina Green!" I said. I drove to Croydon with Mr. Seedan. He stalked into the office of a well-known airline, booked a plane for Scotland.

I watched the little plane roar into its take-off. Then I sent a telephone message to the local police.

"We are investigating a case of alleged abduction of an American girl named Marita Seedan, aged 17, 5 ft. 2 in., good-looking, hair dark, eyes blue, complexion pale. Girl has been associating with Italian known as Count Roberto Renaldi Grandini, aged 35, 5 ft. 5 in., complexion swarthy, hair dark brown, eyes dark..."

"They may stay at hotel vicinity Gretina Green and give false names where action may be possible under Aliens Order 1920, or may give false particulars in an effort to marry...Will you please make every effort locate these persons and prevent marriage taking place until girl has seen her father, who is now lying to Dumfries?"

I got home that evening just in time to see my 10-year-old son to bed. He was excited, although a resolute disbeliever in Santa Claus. "I'm going to smear some stuff on the bedrill," he said. "Then I'll get his fingerprints and see who it REALLY is!"

Soon he was asleep. Shortly before midnight so was I. But beyond the snow-dusted Scottish border there were others not so blissful. Mr. Seedan has arrived at an hotel, a few miles from Dumfries, to which the local police had traced the runaway couple.

There, in the register, was his daughter's name—and a flourishing "Count Roberto Grandini." They had booked separate rooms on separate floors of the hotel.

Mr. Seedan went up to the Count's room, listened and heard the rise and fall of a stony snore. He tiptoed to his daughter's room. The door was locked.

As he tried the handle, he heard a faint little sob of apprehension. A shaky, tearful voice asked: "What—what d'you want?"

"It's only Santa Claus honey!" the multi-millionaire said softly.

Meanwhile, taking advantage of the Health Ministry's indecision, the Social Administration authorities are now launching an all-out attack not only on "cold" perms, but also on the use of tar pigments in lipstick, which, they say, are almost as dangerous as the "cold" perms.

All of which is having little effect on the average Austrian girl who continues to use both.

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Glamour has gone from the gold rush

By Geoffrey Jenkins

A race to be the Johannesburg of the future, to raise skyscrapers, stations, airports, and roads out of the long flat plains which stretch away endlessly in the distance, is taking place between three towns in the Orange Free State.

The towns, which owe their being to a fabulous gold strike and an equally fabulous boom on the London and Johannesburg stock markets are Welkom, St. Helena, and Odendaalsrus. They are now starting to become towns in the ordinary sense of the word instead of a cluster of prefabricated huts nestled round a steel-traceried drilling derrick.

South African Scots Indians and Englishmen have, just as in the days of the first Johannesburg, thrown their weight into building a new Golden City.

It seems that modern 20th Century methods of building boom towns, if more scientific, at least take away the glamour of a gold strike.

Whereas in old Johannesburg men threw down their gold on bar counters and lost and won fortunes at the turn of a dice, Odendaalsrus has brought in a town planner, and neatly symmetrical lines of modern villas intersect the dry waterless acres.

Only hardship

In old Johannesburg men threw up shanties of corrugated iron or reported a marble palace for their mistresses, they jostled, they fought, they drank, they lived and died, but the only hardship in the new gold towns is that the men who build the houses—many of them unable to get work in Pretoria or Johannesburg because of the present unemployment situation—sleep in blankets in the houses they are building.

They tell you it is not in the least bit glamorous, and look forward to the week-ends when the Government pays part of their rail fare back to the Witwatersrand.

Of the three in the race, each planned to have a population of 100,000. Odendaalsrus forms the centre.

Although great progress has been made since the race began 18 months ago, it seems that only the surface of the great dusty plains has been scratched by developments.

One only has to drive a few miles to the North towards the Vaal River and its great pipeline scheme to get once again into the land of flatness, broken here and there by a solitary farmhouse and windmill.

Here and there along the rivers lies an occasional Boer War grave, and sometimes the pathetic "Here lies an unknown British soldier."

From the only point which rises above the flatness, the Strange Kopple Allen (Only Hill), one looks out in a great ar of a dozen miles and sees the drilling derricks with their solitary

tary wisps of smoke, and the regular rows of houses of the new towns.

The deep roar of blasting is heard, and the ground trembles as the mine shafts are driven deeper towards the gold. It will have to be mined here deeper than on the Witwatersrand, and the depths are likely to set mining engineers a whole new range of problems.

The three towns probably have fewer than 10,000 people in all at present, but the aspect of the place has not lost its rusticity, for modern mine offices stand close to meagre lands, new roads intersect the wide, rows of electric pylons stand waiting for their overhead wires, and concrete telegraph poles without their cross-arms have a weird

yet promising air.

There are no skyscrapers yet, nor are any planned immediately, but modern centrally-heated blocks have been erected to house mine natives, and air conditioning will rob the vastness of its shimmering heat.

First airport

Welkom has taken the lead in getting the first airport, to which a regular service is now being run from the Rand. A £25,000 abattoir is being built, and other aspects of an organised community, such as a dairy, are taking shape. It is, indeed, the task of starting a civilised community from the very ground floor out here in the Free State.

Odendaalsrus and its town planner have provided more than 1,200 acres for industrial sites, and to the North-East, between the station and the town, will be situated first the heavy industries, then the lighter, and a completely new commercial, business and residential centre is under construction.

Over the whole of the 1,500 acres of this area there is a bustling activity, concrete, mixers chugging, houses, shops and offices at all stages of development.

The 7,000-acre residential area presents a similar scene, and before the more "established" homes, gardens and lawns are coming into being, although water is a major problem, still the supply line from the Vaal goes into action about the middle of next year.

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Strong majority needed

By all the tokens, the Conservatives have a good chance of winning the General Election. Lord Woolton, chairman of the Conservative Party organisation and his experts and also independent assessors are satisfied about this.

Merely to win will not be enough. If the Conservatives are to be effective in the administration of this country for the next five years, and if they are not only going to clear up the mess but to carry out the constructive policy Mr. Churchill indicated in his broadcast, they will need and must be given a working majority.

The tasks are stupendous—the re-establishment of British prestige in the world, the restoration of her economic position, and of reasonable freedom for trade and industry. These cannot be faced if Mr. Churchill and his Cabinet are to be kept on tenterhooks about their Parliamentary majority. I ought to add that the Conservative experts who have taken all possible steps to gauge the state of feeling throughout the country are satisfied that Mr. Churchill has the prospect of a working majority, despite the fact that many of the new seats under redistribution are an incalculable factor.

At least 20 or 30 of the new seats may be won by the Conservatives. Though the Conservatives held their own in the by-elections, the startling drop in their votes has to be taken in conjunction with the statement of a leading Socialist, organiser that Wales has no problems which are not common with those of the whole United Kingdom. Some of the Socialist rank and file are dissatisfied with, but have to support the Government's Welsh policy of a National Advisory Council without powers, and with any assurance that what it suggests will be taken any notice of by Government departments.

The Liberal Party will declare at its assembly that there should be a Welsh as well as a Scottish Parliament, and the setting up of a Secretaryship of State for Wales is an interim measure. Major Parry Brown is to move the Welsh resolution, and a preamble reaffirming Liberal principles is being moved by Capt. Huwiler Bowen M.P. for Cardigan.

This is the road

In the judgment of the Conservatives and of unbiased observers who have read the Conservative manifesto it is a practical document and the answer to the Socialist who in Parliament and on the platforms have been asking, "Where is the Conservative policy?" The manifesto, "This is the road" is liked because it is so essentially constructive and clearly indicating the Conservative attitude on a wide range of questions, devoted little space to the disastrous record and failures of the Socialists in office.

The full story of those five tragic years of Socialist administration will be a more appropriate theme for platform treatment. Lord Woolton, chairman of the party organisation, has found it necessary to give the lie to Socialist misrepresentations regarding this manifesto. Socialist spokesmen have suggested that the differences between Mr. Churchill and Mr. R. A. Butler, chief draftsman of the policy, and Lord Woolton, and between sections of the Conservative Shadow Cabinet which has taken a hand in the final shaping of the document.

There is not a word of truth in any of these allegations. It is the manifesto of a united Shadow Cabinet and of a united party. No division of opinion has occurred at any time in the preparation of this declaration of Conservative policies and beliefs, although by the tradition and

constitution of the Conservative Party the manifesto is the personal responsibility of Mr. Churchill as leader. Already there has come from all over the country the most enthusiastic and whole-hearted endorsement of this election-winning programme.

Attitude to Wales

With the publication of the Conservative programme the points of the parties with regard to Wales are now quite fully disclosed. The Conservatives stand firmly by the policy affirmed at Brighton and confirmed at Llandudno that special responsibility for Wales will be given to one Cabinet Minister and steps taken to see that with his help the Principality has a proper basis of economic security and future prosperity.

The Welsh Conservative M.P.s and candidates are gratified that this question is elaborated in the Party's literature and will be a theme for Mr. Churchill in his Ninian Park speech at Cardiff. The Conservatives recognise that both Scotland and Wales have justifiable grievances against the immensely increased control of their affairs from London, and stress that centralised control is an essential part of Socialism.

No doubt the Socialists will be reminded during the election that Mr. Aneurin Bevan once declared that Wales has no problems which are not common with those of the whole United Kingdom. Some of the Socialist rank and file are dissatisfied with, but have to support the Government's Welsh policy of a National Advisory Council without powers, and with any assurance that what it suggests will be taken any notice of by Government departments.

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Shadows before

As a coming event the general election is casting its shadows before it in a social, as well as a political, sense. There is much cancelling of engagements and a positive slump in advanced bookings for the theatre. This probably means that some plays which were on the verge will be taken off, for even when the polling is over it is some little time before things get back to normal.

Dinners and dances are being cancelled and, except on special nights, even the political clubs expect to be almost empty.

All, or nearly all, are making special arrangements for polling night, names flashed on the boards being transmitted also by loud-speaker in smoking and supper rooms.

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This goes also for some of the restaurants which are expecting a thin time while so many of their patrons and their women-folk are away in the country canvassing and doing electioneering work of every kind.

Scottish peers for Parliament

It is commonly known that peers have no vote in a Parliamentary election, but not so well known that until about 30 years ago the Commons used regularly to pass a resolution forbidding peers to take any part in election campaigns.

Had the relic of a bygone age been still in force, the parties would today be bereft of the services of a great number of peers who are to speak for candidates throughout the country. Thus, Lord Tweedsmuir will be able to help his wife in the campaign in South Aberdeen.

One task for Scottish peers when the General Election is over will be to meet in Edinburgh to select 16 of their number to represent Scotland for the duration of the new Parliament. No holder of a Scottish peerage is entitled to sit in the House of Lords unless he is an elected representative. Lord Tweedsmuir enjoys a seat in the Lords because his father was created a peer of the United Kingdom. Lord Saltoun, on the other hand, is an elected peer. Lord Crawford of Eaglesham can only sit in the House of Lords by virtue of his English title of Baron Wigan.

Her husband

Nobody has so far thought of referring to Mr. Churchill as "the husband of Mrs. Churchill". It is certainly no reflection on that charming and witty lady's personality to admit that she has been slightly overshadowed by Winston. His formidable mentality would eclipse an intellectual Matherhorn.

Yet Mrs. Churchill has a pretty gift for the most just and pertinent, a witty phrase quite neatly. I am told that she remarked some time ago: "My husband is occasionally late for trains because, as a keen sportsman, he likes to give them a fair chance to get away."

It is likely to have appreciated that piece of gentle feminine and domestic irony more than Mrs. Churchill's illustrious husband.

Atom action

The British Government favours a new approach to Russia on atomic energy control and the prevention of a fresh world-wide race in the production of the H-bomb. It regards the proper way of making this move, however, as being through the United Nations. Atomic Energy Committee and not by a direct approach to a Kremlin which the Russians would consider a sign of weakness.

These views are understood to have already been communicated to the State Department in Washington, where they are thoroughly approved.

There are to be further exchanges of views on this subject between the U.S. Government and our own during the atom talks in Washington between Britain, America, and Belgium. It is thought probable in London that President Truman's decision will be delayed until after the British General Election.

Ministers' meeting

One of the decisions reached at the recent Colombo Conference was, it is understood that Commonwealth Foreign Ministers should meet at least once and if possible twice a year.

The new Canberra and Wellington Governments pressed not only for regular meetings of Empire Ministers but also for a permanent Empire Foreign Affairs, Defence and Finance Secretariat. The other Dominions led by Canada opposed this and eventually it was agreed, on the initiative of Britain, to hold regular yearly meetings of Foreign

Ministers and also of Defence and Finance Ministers. It seems probable that there will be another Empire conference in the autumn, in either London or Ottawa.

Settlers wanted

While still awaiting specific instructions on the increased immigration policy projected by the new Canberra Government, Australian officials here consider that a greater flow of settlers could be dealt with by a steady expansion based on existing plans.

Altogether, the Dominion now looks forward to receiving 100,000 immigrants from Britain this year (70,000 of them being given assisted passages), representing an increase of 20,000 over the target for 1949 announced by Mr. Chifley's Government.

A fleet of 10 liners is now devoted exclusively to transporting British settlers to the Dominion and these will be joined in two months' time by the converted Monarch of Bermuda, renamed The Australia.

'Dry ski-ing'

A snow-covered slope in Scotland's icy Cairngorm mountains, or a carpeted floor in a centrally heated hall overlooking Piccadilly Circus? These are the two principal "schools" now available to young people in Britain who want to learn something about ski-ing. The Scottish training site has been available for some time. The Piccadilly training-ground is an innovation which introduces us to "dry ski-ing".

Indoor or "dry" ski-ing may seem rather a tame way to train for the vigorous sport. The intention of the organisers—the British Ski Club and the Central Council for Physical Recreation—is to give novices a thorough grounding in fundamentals before they tackle the sport outdoors. On specially constructed skis they will learn how to balance, how to fall without hurt, and how to turn.

Development

After training, pupils at the indoor school will leave for 12 days' ski-ing in Norway. By this method of turning out young students at different "dry ski-ing" centres which are being set up throughout the country, it is hoped to develop the sport in Britain.

This move should benefit the Scottish outdoor training centre at Glenmore Lodge in the Cairngorms.

A Norwegian instructor is available there and students "graduating" in London and other parts of England will be encouraged to go North for more advanced training.

In the past ski-ing has been beyond most people's pockets because of expensive tuition fees in Norway and Switzerland. Now it is aimed to put it within reach of everyone by utilising to the full the indoor facilities and the Cairngorm Centre.

St. Paul's

According to bus conductors who should be the most practical assessors, St. Paul's is still the favourite rendezvous with London's visitors.

The Tower, the Abbey, the big galleries, and museums, St. James' and Buckingham Palaces, the Horse Guards, Madame-Tussaud's, are all frequently asked for both by foreign visitors and country cousins up in town for the first time but St. Paul's holds the list easily.

All sorts and conditions of strangers within our metropolis gates are eager to see Wren's famous vase on top of Ludgate Hill. But there are some unexpected enquiries, according to my bus conductor informants, notably Broadcasting House, which nowadays begins to rank in this respect with the Cheshire Cheese.

Where some visitors beat the average busman is when they ask for houses where famous statesmen or writers lived. Most of these now bear plaques, but the normal bus conductor knows them not. They are off his daily round.



Inside information

By Mercury

The National Coal Board is to recruit more public-school boys for administrative work in coal mining.

Cambridge scientists have gone to the U.S. to pool information on the hydrogen atom bomb, potentially the most destructive of all.

Purges in the officer corps of the Soviet Zone Police army are deterring all but the very few West German ex-officers from crossing over to enlist.

The U.S. has guided missiles with a range of 200 miles.

Norway has asked the U.S. to hold anti-submarine exercises off the Norwegian coast, where Soviet submarines have recently been exercising.

The U.S. will send arms worth \$28,000,000 to Vietnam (French Indo-China) to meet the Chinese Red threat.

The Socialist Party is discussing the likelihood of two General Elections this year if there is a narrow majority result this month.

Staggered hours for voting will be organised in industry to prevent loss of production.

General MacArthur, who disagrees with the Washington strategy of abandoning Taiwan, will be removed from his command in Japan this spring.

Sweden has a rifle weighing 15lb. that can knock out a heavy tank. It fires an 8.40 cm. rocket grenade.

Moscow has overruled the decision of the Italian Communists not to interfere with Holy Year celebrations.

The U.S. Air Force is trying out mid-air refuelling of long-range bombers over Polar regions.

The BBC will make a feature of Britain's free elections in its services to Iron Curtain countries.

Luxembourg, alarmed by the number of Soviet agents using the Duchy as a clearing ground for their reports to Moscow, has appealed to the Western powers for aid in preventive measures.

Large orders for German locomotives have been placed by South Africa with the Henschel company. A Munich firm is selling railway engines to India.

Nahas Pasha, new Egyptian premier, has already spoken with

the British Embassy about British troops in Egypt and the future of the Sudan.

Heavy supplementary estimates for National Health and Defence would have been presented to Parliament this month but for the General Election decision. These estimates make a Budget deficit certain.

The Cabinet is divided on pre-election ration increases. Some Ministers believe that they cannot be maintained.

The Ministry of Food has agreed to buy pork and bacon from Egypt.

American diplomatic and Service chiefs in Britain have been warned by Washington that they are to show no partiality in the British elections.

Eire is sending a mission to Britain to study methods and organisation of civil defence.

The Communist Government of China wants to charter British ships for coastal trade. They will be in danger of interception by the Nationalist navy.

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CEREMONIAL RETURNS TO DIPLOMACY

Whoever next comes to London as a new Ambassador, even if he is a Chinese Communist, is committed to quite a formal introduction to our capital, and to a pre-war ceremony only just revived.

The young Britons left a copy at a party in Washington and the booklet came into the hands of one of the American gossip columnists.

Immunity

More formally, the rules of etiquette, precedence and the like are set out in a famous work, "A Guide to Diplomatic Practice," by Sir Ernest Satow, the son of a Swedish merchant who became Britain's Ambassador in Tokyo in the nineties just when Japan was planning the revenge which she took on Russia in the war of 1904.

By John Fisher

The "Diplomatic Practice" is still in use and is periodically revised by experts in the Treaty department of the Foreign Office.

Among the problems covered by the Guide are the order of precedence and matters of diplomatic immunity.

Perhaps you think that a diplomat who has CD on the back of his car can do practically any-

as aide-memoires concerns Scotch whisky.

They can't avoid paying the Excise duty even if they are prepared to pay for it in dollars as if they were buying it abroad.

Consequently a great many of them turn to Canadian whisky, which they can import duty free. In the old days diplomatic privilege was almost entirely confined to the herald, himself—the man with the flag of truce. But that will not do today. Obviously the Ambassador cannot perform a one-man job. He needs staff to make his telephone calls and to code and decode his cables, chauffeurs to look after his cars, and so on.

Britain is willing to extend diplomatic privilege to all important Embassy staff members, no matter what nationality they have, provided, in the case of senior members, that they are not British. Stokers, gardeners, chauffeurs and the like get diplomatic immunity, although they are British.

No offence

On their side of the fence the diplomats could "gang up" on the Foreign Office, but more often their collective efforts result in an address of congratulations at Coronation or Jubilee time.

Their corps is represented by the Ambassador whose appointment is of longest standing in London—which at the moment means that Brazil's H.E. Senhor J. J. Moniz de Aragao is the doyen.

Next in order of precedence come the remaining Ambassadors in order of seniority of appointment, then the Ministers, then the charges d'affaires of Embassies, then the charges d'affaires of Legation Ministers.

Thus if Communist China sends a charge d'affaires of Embassies, he would be placed probably at the bottom of class three. But if a full Ambassador arrives he would go to the bottom of class one.

And diplomatic procedure in these matters is so well established that there would be no hard feelings.

The Russians never forget

When do the Russians forget the Iron Curtain? The answer, according to correspondent Anthony Terry, in Berlin, is never even when they share living accommodation with the Allies.

Proof of this is contained in a story of eight silent Russians who share a mess occupied by British, American and French prison wardens in Spandau in the British sector of Berlin.

The wardens are part of the four power guard on the seven top Nazi war criminals serving sentences imposed at Nuremberg. Recently, because of an economy cut imposed by the Allied Command, the four messes have been amalgamated and now all four nations share messes.

The Russians, however, mess in silence. Although reasonable enough and easy companions in all other respects, they refuse to be drawn into any conversation however trivial and non-political. Instead they read books and magazines at table while their colleagues are talking.

Meanwhile, other drastic economies—demanded by the Berlin City authorities—are now in force and recent re-organisations have included the dismissal of two-thirds of the civilian German staff in the prison. As a result the cost of keeping seven top-ranking Nazis in jail has now dropped from an annual £37,000 to £21,000.

In full state

At the end of their conference they are conducted to the Bow Room. Assembled there to meet them are the State Chamberlain,



"I enjoyed this very much—have you any more by the same author?"

the Marshal of the Royal Household, the Lord-in-Waiting, and the Secretary of State. All is then ready for the audience by the King in an inner room.

First the Ambassador presents his credentials, after which he introduces his staff one by one to the King. The audience is then concluded without refreshments. The setting is as dignified as anything that is encountered in the diplomatic world, and is probably one reason why foreign diplomats say they are especially glad to be posted to London. (Or do they just say that because they are diplomats?)

In all there are more than 80 diplomatic missions in London, or more than you can cram into the kind of diplomatic quarter you find in some foreign capital. In London, you never know where you are going to run into some kind of Embassy or Legation.

One group, including the United States, Italy, Egypt and Venezuela, favours Mayfair, and the rest have picked the Victoria area. Another cluster, numbering Haiti, the Philippines, Rumania and Colombia, are in the Sloane Street district. Belgrave Square houses Mexico and Spain.

On millionaires' row in Kensington Gardens you find the Soviet Union, Nepal and Syria. Israel has joined Switzerland in its territory just north of Oxford Street.

And the Germans no doubt are hoping some day to get back into their former pitch in Carlton House Terrace.

To many inhabitants of the house, flats and villas, Sir John Monck, who is the perfect dignified Englishman (with monocle), has said his personal welcome just as earlier he had to "see off" the German Ambassador at the outbreak of war.

Helping him in the Foreign Office itself is Mr. Marcus Cheke, Vice Diplomatic Marshal, who wrote that amusing booklet telling young Britons in the Foreign Office how to behave abroad, what cards to leave, how to deal with horses and the like. It is a very good reading when one of

We had been given the choice beforehand.

"Either you have Richie standing outside your apartment, to keep the other kids from stealing your things," said our former landlord, "or you might just as well kiss your valuables good-bye."

Time was when Richie had tracked down a missing handbag on Jones-street. The police couldn't find it. But Richie did—for a £3 reward. Again, for the half sum of fifteen cents a week (some 1s. 2d.) he had stopped a local gang who had the delightful habit of throwing strips of

scanned the schoolgirl-bullies, the cat-punchers far from Jones-street. No one connected him with the gangs concerned. No one ever saw him get into a fight. But Richie would never have owned to a protection racket.

Jones-street, a sometimes grimy, sometimes charming district, is a part of the United States, and Richie is a 12-year-old American.

Neither is typical, but each represents an integral unit of the most powerful nation on earth.

I asked Richie what he thought about life, himself and the world. It made a good conversation subject as our cluttered conveyer crawled uptown. It turned out that he was thoroughly interested in school, but that he wanted excitement. It was not the excitement of a ball game it was the excitement of knowing that just by standing in front of someone's luggage all the other kids would keep away.

Shrewd comment

"I either want to drive a truck or fly a plane," he told me. "I want most of all to fly a plane. But there isn't a chance. There's been a war, there'll be another. What's the use?"

Our teacher sometimes talks us about all those other countries, puts up maps on the wall and pictures in the corridors. Sure I know about England with all them Kings and Queens, but what's the use, I'll never go there. Anyway, she only does it to get the principal tells her to and she'd be fired if she didn't.

"Sure I can make a lot of money," I know how. But what's the use? You've got to fight to get it, then you've got to fight to make more. If you want to keep what you've got, and then there's all them atom bombs. It don't count what I think or what my old man thinks. Life's bad all over."

At the end of the ride, while we were unloading, Richie stood guard again. There were no children there, so he helped us carry furniture. He had the strength of a young ox.

In the end we gave him 10s. (we knew it was his standard rate) and thanked our lucky stars that we had lost only a bicycle, a mascot, and that only one coffee percolator was lying broken in the gutter.

Names in lights

General "Lightning" Joe Collins, Army Chief of Staff, wants to enlist 10,000 Europeans and Asians in the U.S. Army, a potential intelligence reserve for future intelligence and espionage work.

Margaret Truman made almost as much as her father last year. One concert tour alone brought her £27,000.

Cecil Benton was at the new Exhibition at the British Book Centre, on tree-shaded East 55th Street. He described his new book "Ashcombe" to me as "a tale of a 13-year-old affair."

It tells the tale, in words and photographs, of his own White-shire country home.

David Selznick unleashed the other offensive on this side of the Atlantic, told record distributors they could start selling "The Harry Lime Theme."

Cecil B. de Mille, fabulous producer of fabulous pictures, will open a museum for his souvenirs, of course in Hollywood.

NEW YORK LETTER



Remember how G. I. Joe used to dwell on the warmth and alleged soap-content of British beer?

Well, Joe, back in civilian clothes, is finding that Britain can deliver the beer on his doorstep—just as he wants it.

Our beer salesmen have found the road in this already well-nicoholised nation hard and full of pitfalls.

But they are having considerable success.

As E. J. Joe continually drummed into us, America likes its beer light, fizzy—and above all cold.

It was, therefore, something of a tactical error for one hopeful British salesmen to label each of his bottles "Do not chill."

This lesson has been learned. In fact, care is now being taken in the brewing process to supply a product which does not suffer by its inevitable sojourn in an American refrigerator.

Today America is getting the kind of British beer which you probably haven't tasted since 1939.

It has all the body and strength of a four-year-old brewer's vintage. Its brewing was authorised by the Board of Trade and the Ministry of Food.

But Britain's Best couldn't get past the American authorities without some quibbling. Over here, labelling of food and drink is very closely supervised.

A well-known brand of stout, for instance, was not permitted to tell the American public at large that it "is good for you."

The assertion was not challenged. But the therapeutic properties attributed to the drink were considered to be possibly misleading.

With bureaucratic hurdles cleared, the reluctant advertisers turned their attention to selling to what Americans themselves describe as "the class market."

The idea was that British beer, which is little more expensive than the American domestic product, would have the same mob appeal as French wine.

Biggest sales

To a certain extent they were right: the biggest sales are being made to cocktail hotel bars, high-class grocers, and exclusive country clubs.

But a popular British ale has one of its biggest individual sales at a small New York tavern catering mainly to taxi-drivers and dockers.

It is highly improbable that British beer will ever make a very large splash in America. But in its own modest way it is helping to earn the dollar so that Britain may buy—well, say, orange juice.

Tough helper

Richie Zamponi, the toughest kid on the street, helped us move our flat the other day. He was more accurate to report that without Richie Zamponi we would have arrived at our new address minus a couple of armchairs, a bookcase, a telephone-receiver, a dozen books, a set of cocktail glasses, a shaker and a coffee percolator.

We might even have lost our Chinese scrollwork or the Indian woodcuts, or any of the other motley items scattered haphazardly over the top of one another in the truck and the group of convertible cars we had assembled for the operation.

'Security officer'

Richie, a small, scrappy lad with a shock of tousled hair is just an ordinary 12-year-old member of Public School No. 41 on the island of Manhattan. But when school closes he is a power in Jones-street, the section of Greenwich Village where we three bachelors used to live.

Not a thing happened in Jones-street without Richie hearing about it.

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WET WEATHER WEAR

By JANET MARTIN

We seem to be in for a really wet season, so let's talk about clothes for rainy days. Rainwear fashions are brighter than ever, vying one with another to contrast the gayest, freshest colours against the drab grey of rainy skies.

Here, our problem is to choose rainwear which will keep out the wet without keeping in too much warmth—and more especially this year when the really cold weather seems likely to give us a miss.

Plastics have made a great bid to capture the markets for rainwear, but the fact remains that, up to now, they have not produced anything which will give reliable wear. They split and tear too easily and cannot be repaired, factors which are offset to some extent by their very reasonable prices.

But, from a fashion point of view, we look for something better than that and the return to popularity of gabardines provides our answer.

Proofed gabardines, fine and light, lead all the rainwear shows. Coats, capes, jackets, even skirts, windjammers and hoods appear in the gay colours of the new gabardines, lined and trimmed with the brightest checks and plaids.

Fashion-right

A raincoat is no longer something to slip on to keep out the rain. It is as smart and up-to-date, as fashion-conscious and fashion-right as any item in your wardrobe.

Aquascutum's proofed gabardine top coat, for instance, cut on tent lines, with sloping shoulders and wide skirt, has a double shoulder cape, plain underneath, checked on top. A wide tie belt can be added to draw the fullness into smart folds at the waist. There are huge check pockets, large plaids buttons, detachable hoods, check-lined, to button on at the neck.

A charming full-length cape in navy proofed gabardine has facings and collar in navy and white checks—and a pair of navy gloves with check gauntlets.

Small hats are still in the news, and none smarter than the little gabardine berets made to match your new raincoat. These are plain like the coat, or plaid like the trimmings, just large enough to keep the rain off short hair, or look chic under an umbrella. They transform your raincoat into a rain ensemble.

Accessories follow the line. Umbrellas are either long and elegant in the Edwardian manner, or chic and short, folding down to the length of a foot rule, slipped into a cylindrical cover of the same material.

The long ones

The long ones are smartest—six inch ferrules and nine inch handles with loops of braided silk or stitched leather. When it is not raining, these must always be carried rolled. So when you buy it is a good idea to ask the assistant for a demonstration of the correct way to do it. It's not so easy as it looks.

For town wear, to protect a smart tailleur, your umbrella can be covered in a plain, dark silk. With your rain ensemble, ask the assistant for a demonstration of the correct way to do it. It's not so easy as it looks.

Nor do we stop at umbrellas. There are dainty ankle boots with rubber or crepe sole and gabardine uppers, plain or gully checked. Or Wellington "boots" in all the brightest colours as well as black and white. There are handbags in gabardine in good local this, for your good leather can be ruined by a drenching) with coloured drawstrings or flaps.

Some stores make a feature of wet weather accessories to match their raincoats: bags, shoes, gloves, hats and umbrellas.

Fashion, you know, goes on forever—so even a rainy day can be a fashion occasion!

U.S. as a woman sees it

By KAY MURRAY

What do you think is the favourite costume of some of the most famous and best dressed women in America?

Not a tailor-made, not a dress, not even lounging pyjamas.

The answer is—a dressing gown.

A survey made among such well-known personalities as Margaret Truman, Mrs. Roosevelt and Lily Pons and others disclosed the fact that 100 per cent of women who work creatively like to climb into something comfortable as soon as they get home.

Mrs. Roosevelt and Luella Parsons, the film critic, confessed a weakness for black velvet ted gowns for interviewing and writing at home.

Sluggers and a glamorous but loosely cut negligee in silk wool a favourite uniform for rehearsing at home.

Mary Martin, the star of "South Pacific," has a whole wardrobe of negligees and dressing gowns in silk jersey and shantung. She likes blue, cloud white, green and earth brown because the colours of nature relax her.

And nylon has proved a god-send to globe-trotting women journalists because it never wrinkles and can be washed without ironing.

Washington is laying discreet odds as to who will be the capital's number one hostess.

Mrs. Truman mostly confines her entertaining to Blair House, and since Mrs. Perle Mesta took herself and her parties to Luxembourg, the title remains vacant.

One obvious candidate is the Vice President's bride, who has already completely captivated Washington. The new Mrs. Barkley is beautiful, witty, completely unself-conscious, and while having a warm personality, is described as having a sparkling gaiety of which the capital is badly in need.

Her rival is likely to be Mrs. Morris Cagitz, wife of a rich business man, who has already taken giant strides in the direction of the title, which she, however, declines.

"I am having a splendid time because my husband and I enjoy it," she says. "This slim, attractive woman with the jet black hair looks not a day over 30, though she has a son in college."

She likes five-course intimate dinners, but sometimes gives cocktail parties for 60. At these functions she has proved such a good hostess that even the illustrious Senator Taft has been snatched by the candid camera obviously enjoying himself.

"Either he's human or a superhuman," says Mrs. Cagitz.

New York state elected its first woman District Attorney this year.

She is Mrs. Charlotte Smallwood, the attractive 29-year old wife of a lawyer.

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RECIPES

Doughnuts

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Sift the flour and salt into a basin. Rub in the shortening lightly and add the sugar. Mix well. Beat the eggs and add to them the milk. Add to the dry ingredients and make into a soft dough. Turn onto a lightly floured board and knead lightly.

Press out about 1/4 in thick. Cut into rounds with a scene cutter and cut the centres but

with a small cutter. Wet fry until golden brown, turning once. Drain on kitchen paper and sprinkle thickly with icing or castor sugar.

VARIATION: Grate 2oz dark chocolate into a basin and melt by standing in a saucepan of hot water. Make the doughnut mixture and divide into two portions. To one portion add the melted chocolate. Roll out both mixtures and cut into doughnuts. Cut the chocolate doughnuts through and link through the centres of the plain. Seal. Wet fry until golden brown.

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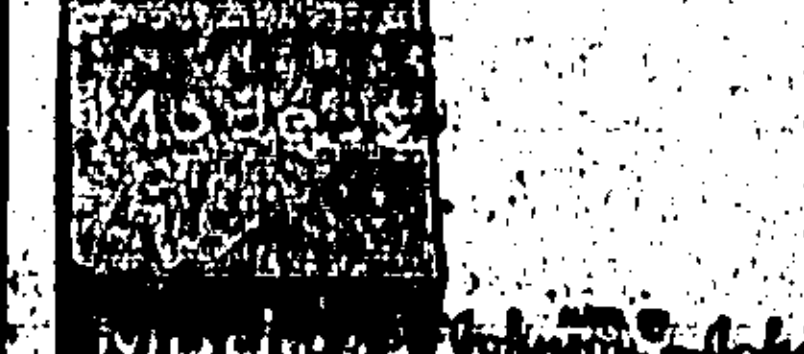
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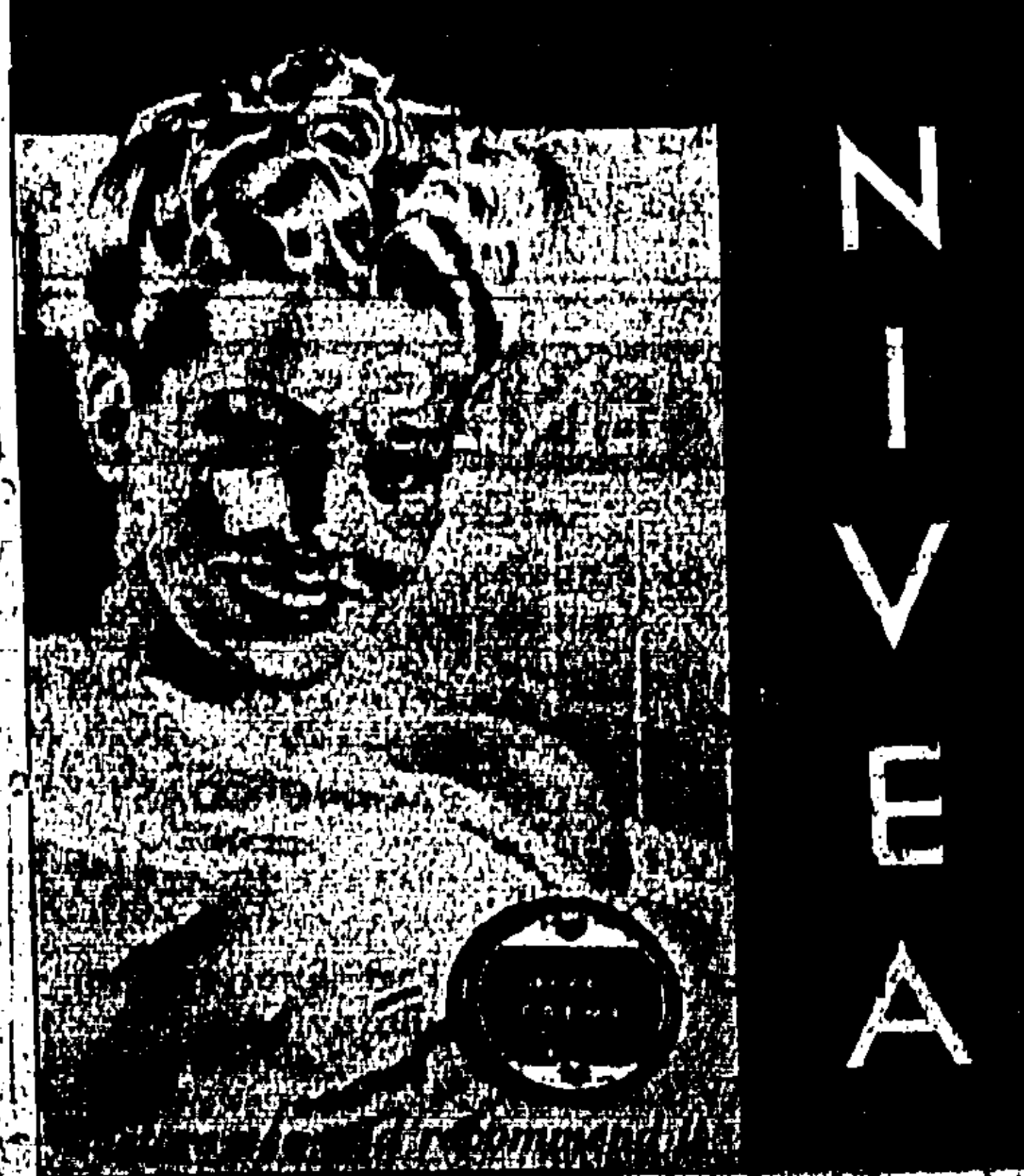
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KEEP BEAUTY IN YOUR HANDS

By CLAUDIA

It is easy to take care of your hands when they are already lovely to start with. Then, all you have to do is to keep the skin white and soft, and the nails well manicured. You will draw attention to their slender shapeliness by means of bright polish and unusual rings.

The story is rather different should hands not be one of your best points, however. Hands cannot be hidden or disguised. They are there all the time, useful, hardworking members, one must just make the best of them.

The first beauty rule for every pair of hands, whether they look as though they were made to inspire poets or merely to do the housework, is to keep them immaculately clean and groomed, the skin as white and soft as care and attention can make them.

A good deal of beauty culture is concerned with care and camouflage. Hands can scarcely be camouflaged, but there are several ways of minimising their bad points.

It is a mistake to draw attention to unsightly hands by painting the nails in bright colours. No matter how you yearn after the gay new shades as they come out, you must stick to the soft, delicate tints which are dainty and, most important, unobtrusive. Striking costume rings which cause the eye to fly to the fingers are not for you either.

For large hands

Hands which are large, but shapely, however, can wear large handsome rings with striking effect. Small rings emphasise the size by contrast. Large ones actually make the hands appear smaller.

With nail polish, too, one must consider the shape of the nails before embarking on very bright shades. Nails which are rather short and square do not take a bright polish successfully, though they can be greatly improved by growing them long and filling the tips to a not-too-pointed oval.

To keep the skin soft and smooth needs a good deal of lubrication than most of us realise is necessary. The hands, after all, are being constantly

washed, the natural oils of the skin rinsed away. Naturally, the skin tends to become dry and the hands become the first to show signs of age.

By your washing, use a jar or tube of hand cream, or a simple preparation of glycerine and rose water, to be used after washing every single time. By your bedside, keep a jar of night cream for the hands, heavier and richer in oils. Massage into the skin every night, before you go to bed. If the hands are very dry, use plenty of cream and wear a pair of loose cotton gloves.

Calcium deficiency

Brittle, splitting nails often mean that there is a deficiency of calcium in your system. A course of calcium, under your doctor's advice, will improve the quality of the new nail as it grows up from the matrix. A special cuticle oil, rubbed in around the bases of the nails each night, will help too.

Thick fingers and wrists should be massaged with oil or cream, stroking firmly from fingertips towards the wrist, each finger separately, as if drawing on a glove.

There are finger-and-wrist exercises which can be practised at any odd moment you have to spare. One is the "piano" exercise—imitating playing five-finger exercises, arching each finger well. Then wrist circling—letting the hands hang limply from the wrists, then swinging in circular movement, first from right to left and reverse.

Even if they will never be beautiful, your hands can always look attractive.

Ann Temple

A husband's criticism

Whenever my husband criticises anybody or anything, I immediately have the urge to defend, although I know he is always right.

Naturally, he gets very annoyed with me, although we are very happy in our companionship. What is there in my make-up which drives me to this?

PUZZLED

Just some little devil of contrariness. For one thing he is always right, and that is annoying. Then criticism puts him up into an indefinably superior position. You want to pull him off it.

Not entirely for the sake of seeing him come down, but in order to feel a little superior yourself. Coming out for the defence has an air of more understanding, more tolerance. You feel a little virtuous too.

And all this, probably, because you are not very good at expressing your opinion... getting your ideas into words... it makes you feel a little inadequate—so you try to get even—naturally. Not much harm in it. A little occasional rough makes the smooth all the more enjoyable.

One hears a lot these days about the art of living. A friend maintains that it means having a knowledge and the appreciation of the good things of life—smart parties, interesting people, good food and wines... Does the phrase connote only the materialistic aspect?

MARGARET

Many do use it in that sense. Similarly "They live well" is taken to mean eating and drinking expensively. There is, of course, far more to both phrases than what the world, the flesh, and the devil connote.

The more developed your mind, the more sensitive your spirit, the more perceptive your tastes, the wider does your conception of living become.

R. L. gives a good selection when he wrote: "It beams from happy human eyes have moved

me not; if morning skies, books, any my food and summer rain knocked on my sullen heart in vain.

Knowledge and appreciation of one's whole self comes into this too. The art is in steering body, soul, and spirit gracefully, skilfully, confidently through the depths and the shallows, the tempests and the calms of one's span of years.

You are getting on well with the art of living when you have learned how to enjoy life without having to spend money for your fun.

Being now over 40 I have given up the idea of marriage. I never could make up my mind about it.

Time and again, having become fond of a girl, I found myself comparing her adversely with another who in her turn suffered the same comparison.

The next I never could be wholehearted with anyone. What is the remedy, if there is one?

—Tina—maybe. In the forties a man's vanity becomes slightly deflated and he is apt to take gratefully what he can get. The thirties are the competitive years when a bachelor is egotistically choosy.

But there may be a more serious aspect. Preferring the pursuit to the capture; ever leaving the reality for the ideal—very often a symptom of a deeper problem—of subconscious feelings of emotional inferiority for which compensations are sought in varying ways.

The cure is then related to the cause of the insecurity. One can't generalise. It is related to that difficulties of a kind which often dissolve and pass if the man uses his imagination and creative powers and gives him a sense of success and achievement.

I share rooms with my best friend. We know each other very well and go out mostly together. A month ago we met an extremely sweet girl, and I feel that

Drawing and painting and your child

By DOROTHY MOHR

Even a year-old baby if given a sheet of paper and a crayon or pencil will make marks on the paper.

He will hold the pencil in a rather clumsy fashion, it is true, and will merely stroke the paper in a very haphazard way, but he will get tremendous satisfaction out of seeing lines come where none was before, done by his own hand.

By two years he can hold the pencil more easily, though he still tends to grip it in his fist rather than hold it in his fingers and the strokes and lines have become a scribble which often covers the whole of a large sheet of paper. If asked, the two-year-old will say he is drawing, but does not usually say what.

The three-year child can very often hold the pencil correctly and likes to name his drawings—after they are finished. He draws first and then names it according to what it looks like to him. Sometimes his pictures actually do look something like what he says they are, even to an adult, but more often they don't.

If asked to draw something special, for instance a man, he will usually have a try at it, but the results are not, as a rule, very convincing.

Up to the age of six the child is not usually critical of his own drawing. He may say he can't when asked first to draw something, but with a little encouragement will set to work willingly and is generally quite satisfied with the result.

A child's drawings, no matter how crude, should always be taken seriously by adults, especially his parents. Both his own drawings and his parents' approval are very important to the little child.

So please, don't laugh when your four-year-old brings home from kindergarten some fantastic creature with legs and arms sprouting from its head and possibly masses of spiky fingers growing out of each limb.

Encourage your children to draw and paint. Whether or not they become artists in later life is quite immaterial. They are

we both felt in love with her. We met regularly at luncheon, but the talk is general. Neither of us is willing to give up his secret.

Should I break the ice and talk this over with my friend or should the third party be consulted?

—LOL

High time that sweet thing the "third party" was brought in on this—before you two ice yourselves in any deeper.

You are too near for secrecy. The atmosphere will become explosive. It is in the best tradition for the two men to be cheerfully realistic and to toss up for first approach. Whoever wins the toss explains the situation so that the lady knows there's another offer coming.

If she has a preference the friendly is bound to come a little unstuck for a while. If she hasn't or if by chance there's a fourth party in the offing—the friendship is unimpaired, probably even strengthened by mutual candour.

The right materials

Just as there are good and bad types of toys for young children, so there are good and bad kinds of young artists' materials. Sharp pointed pencils and small scraps of paper are unsatisfactory. They are harder to manage for the child under six, whose finer muscles are not yet fully developed, and they do not give him the right scope for his powers of expression.

Large sheets of paper (about 18in by 20in) are best and good, thick lumber crayons are easier for his little fingers to hold. Waxy crayons are not satisfactory as they mark and the colours are weak and poor.

Paint brushes should be large and thick, too, about as thick as your little finger and about eight inches long. The best sort of paint does not come in boxes. Buy the powdered pigment (three or four colours are enough) and mix it with water in a jar to make a good, strong colour.

Child-size easels, with a rack to hold the jars of paint, make painting easier and more exciting for the young artist, and can easily be made at home. If painted black they can also be used as blackboards.

Have your children ever tried finger-painting? Thicken the paint with a little starch paste, pin a large sheet of paper on a small table, drop a couple of daubs of paint on the paper and let the child get to work—with both hands.

It's tremendous fun, but messy, so is best done out of doors and the child had better wear a large sack apron.

Ideas for shirt cardboards

Some interesting suggestions for the use of those many sheets of cardboard that come into the house regularly with Father's shirts, are offered by the American Institute of Laundering.

In the first place, they are useful for painting the wooden frames around window-panes. Simply hold one of the pieces of cardboard over the glass section and it will receive any excess paint, rather than the glass itself. Cardboard can be used conveniently, too, when as a guide between colours, furniture or woodwork is being painted more than one shade.

Another idea to interest those with a decorative turn of mind is that of cutting out designs on shirt board and using the cutouts as stencil patterns for the walls of nursery, kitchen, or bathroom.

When no dustpan is nearby, servants will find that shirt boards are stiff enough to hold their sweepings. Why not stack such neat pieces of cardboard along with the brooms? They will be convenient to use in basements and garages for sweeping up wood shavings, plaster particles, mud and dirt.

Cooks also find such pieces of cardboard convenient when preparing food for the family. Vegetables or fruit may be peeled right on the boards, without causing a mess on the sink counter.

If there are children in the house, what's better than cardboard on a rainy day with coloured crayons or chalk or paint? Youngsters can also make their own jigsaw puzzles merely by pasting pictures on the cardboard and then cutting out to suit their whims.

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CANADIAN PROSPECTS OF FAR EAST TRADE

RANGOON TALKS ON RICE

Rangoon, February 10.

The International Rice Conference began winding up its business today in preparation for Saturday's closing session. The Indian delegate, Upendranath Barman, proposed that the next IRC session be held in 1952 to allow member Governments time to carry out recommendations made at the present meeting.

The proposal will be considered at Saturday's final meeting when delegates will elect a Vice-Chairman and designate the meeting place for the next session. Today's session adopted a resolution on nutrition which approved recommendations for nutritional improvement of rice. Egypt's delegate, G. H. Ibrahim, outlined measures his country is taking to improve rice acreage and ward off plant pests and malaria.

Mr. Ibrahim said Egyptian experts are still experimenting with methods to discover enough water for Egypt's rich rice lands.

Associated Press.

DISCRIMINATION ALLEGATION

Frankfurt, February 10.

Western Germany will charge the Western Allies with discrimination against German trade when trade talks with Britain open here next week, a High Ministry official told Reuters here today.

He added that the question of the Allied ban on a 100,000-ton steel rail order from Communist China for Ruhr firms might be cited for the order was placed with a British trading agency in London, which sub-contracted it to Ruhr firms.

Later the Joint Export-Import Agency in Frankfurt banned the delivery of the rails. Reports that British firms have now secured the order have produced strong protests in German trading circles.

—Reuters.

COIN HOARDING IN RANGOON

Rangoon, February 10.

Parliament approved legislation making currency hoarding a criminal offence. The measure is directed at the hiding of small silver coins, for which there is a large black market.

—Associated Press.

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Hong Kong, February 12, 1950.

Optimism about Canada's prospects of trade with the Far East generally was expressed today by Mr. L.B. Pearson, Canadian Secretary of State for External Affairs.

He was speaking at his first Press conference since he returned from the Commonwealth talks in Ceylon.

He stressed that India and Pakistan both had stable Governments, but submitted that the Kashmir dispute was one which the Communists know how to exploit to the full.

The centre of gravity in world affairs had shifted from Europe to the Far East and there was real danger of Soviet Imperialism over-running the whole of the Far East, he declared.

Of the Far East generally Mr. Pearson said, "That part of the world is on the march as never before. In the wake of political freedom in many former colonies people want a better standard of life. That means industrialisation, and this is a field where we can help both by providing equipment and technical knowledge. In addition, they want investment of our capital. They have a lot to give us in return and from the long-range view I am optimistic about our trade prospects there."

"However, I am also impressed by short-term difficulties relating to the currency problem. In our planning, however, we must assume that these short-term difficulties are going to disappear."

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New York Stock Exchange

New York, February 10.

The stock market ended slightly lower after late selling hit into morning gains. Losses ran from fractions to around a point. Buying orders flooded into the market at the opening but trading quickly slowed and late in the day selling became more aggressive. Transfers totalled 1,780,000 shares and 88 stocks scored new highs while only two touched new lows.

Wall Street still refused to get excited about the coal strike. Among stumblers were Santa Fe, Warner Brothers, U.S. Gypsum, Curtiss Wright, Emerson Radio.

Gainers included Magnavox, Philco, Motorola, Zenith and Sunray Oil.

Dow Jones averages: Stock

73.88; 20 Industrials 203.49; 30

Balls 54.81; 10 Utilities 42.75.

Closing quotations:

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Aviation Corp. 6 1/4

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Canadian Pacific 15 1/2

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Lead 38 1/2

New York Central 12 1/2

Packard Motors 4 1/2

Pan American Airways 9 1/2

Pennsylvania RR 17 1/2

Radio Corp. 14 1/2

Remington Rand 13 1/2

Republic Steel 26 1/2

Reynolds Tobacco 39 1/2

Schenley 32

Shell Oil 35 1/2

Socoy Vacuum 16 1/2

Southern Pacific 52 1/2

Standard Brands 22 1/2

Oil of Calif. 62 1/2

Oil of N. J. 67 1/2

Studebaker 28 1/2

Union Bag 28

Carbide 41

US Rubber 44

Steel 37 1/2

Lines 17 1/2

Westinghouse 32 1/2

Youngstown Sheet & Tube 70 1/2

Gen. Pub. Utilities 17 1/2

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AMERICAN PRESIDENT LINES

The Global Fleet

TO HONOLULU & SAN FRANCISCO via JAPAN

"President Cleveland"	Arr. Feb. 25	Sails Feb. 28
"President Wilson"	Arr. Mar. 10	Sails Mar. 17
"General Gordon"	Arr. Mar. 17	Sails Mar. 20

TO SAN FRANCISCO & LOS ANGELES via JAPAN

"President McKinley"	Arr. Feb. 14	Sails Feb. 18
"President Taft"	Arr. Feb. 28	Sails Feb. 27

TO NEW YORK, BALTIMORE & BOSTON via PACIFIC COAST & PANAMA

"President Grant"	Arr. Feb. 1
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MESSAGERIES MARITIMES

ARRIVALS FROM
"YANG TSE" Europe 12th Feb.
"CHAMPOLLION" Marseilles 17th Feb.
"LA MARSEILLAISE" Marseilles 23rd Feb.

SAILINGS TO
PASSENGER/FREIGHT SERVICE
"CHAMPOLLION" Marseilles via Manila 18th Feb.
"LA MARSEILLAISE" " " " 24th Feb.

FREIGHT SERVICE
"YANG TSE" N. Africa & Europe 13th Feb.
"OYONNAX" " " " 10th Mar.

FOR PORT SAID, TUNIS, MARSEILLES, ALGIERES, TANGIER, CASABLANCA, HAVRE, DUNKIRK, ANTWERP & ROTTERDAM

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MOBILE, ALA., U.S.A.
WATERMAN LINE EXPRESS FREIGHT SERVICE

FROM U.S. ATLANTIC COAST via JAPAN
B.S. "JEAN LAFITTE" Due about 16th Feb. 1950.
S.S. "GATEWAY CITY" Due about 8th Mar. 1950.

Direct for New York, Baltimore & Philadelphia via Japan, Honolulu

For freight and further particulars apply:-
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IVARAN LINES

FAR EAST SERVICE
FROM U.S. ATLANTIC COAST PORTS
m.v. "LISHOLT" 8th Mar. 1950.

SAILING FOR TAKU BAR & PHILIPPINES
m.v. "BORGHOLT" sails about 12th Feb. 1950.
m.v. "LISHOLT" 9th Mar. 1950.

DIRECT FOR U.S. ATLANTIC COAST VIA PANAMA IN 35 DAYS
m.v. "BORGHOLT" sails about 14th Mar. 1950.
m.v. "LISHOLT" 2nd Apr. 1950.

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THE PACIFIC ORIENT EXPRESS LINE

From U.S. Pacific Coast
M.V. "MANGARELLA" Due about 9th Mar. 1950.
M.V. "VESTEROY" Due about 23rd Mar. 1950.

LOADING FOR FUSAN.
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NEXT SAILINGS
M.S. "SALLY MAERSK" Feb. 13
M.S. "MARCHEN MAERSK" Feb. 26
M.S. "GRETE MAERSK" Mar. 12

TANKS OF ALL SIZES AVAILABLE FOR BULK OIL
ARRIVALS FROM U.S.A.

M.S. "ANNA MAERSK" Feb. 19
M.S. "OLGA MAERSK" Mar. 1
M.S. "LAURA MAERSK" Mar. 15

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Shipping Intelligence

Shipping Arrivals
YESTERDAY
Amelia Lykes (APL) American 4530
Borcholt (Wallen) Norwegian 3148
Tara (Holl) Danish 5100 tons ex-
Japan
Telungshan (Jabuhun) British 431
Wang (Jardine) British 500 tons ex-
Singapore

TODAY
Glenartney (Jardine) ex-Europe
Glenartney (Jardine) ex-Europe Coast
Jahro (Dodwell) ex-Pacific Coast
Jean Lafitte (Wallen) ex-Atlantic
Yang Tse (MM) ex-Europe

TOMORROW
Jahro (Dodwell) ex-Pacific Coast
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Shipping Departures
YESTERDAY
Chang (D & S) for Sydney
Tarifa (Dodwell) for Kobe
Wing Sang (Jardine) for Keelung

TODAY
Borcholt (Wallen) for Tokyo
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A. Zarbat (Muller) K.D.
Alix (D & S) K.D.
Aldan (Chandler) S.C.
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AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS

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AIR FRANCE ex-Singapore, 11:15 a.m.
C.P.A. ex-Manila 11:30 a.m.
M.A.T.C. ex-Manila 5 p.m.
P.A.A. ex-San Francisco via Honolulu, 12:45 p.m.
D.O.A.C. ex-Singapore 4 p.m.

TOMORROW
P.A.A. ex-San Francisco via Honolulu, 12:45 p.m.
Midway, Wake, Guam, Manila, 1:10 p.m.
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SAILINGS TO
S.S. "WONGSANG" Keelung & Japan 13th Feb.
S.S. "HANGSANG" Sandakan 15th Feb.
S.S. "TAKSANG" Singapore, Penang, Rangoon, 20th Feb.
S.S. "WINGSANG" Keelung 21st Feb.
S.S. "CHUNGBANG" Keelung, Tientsin & Tientsin 22nd Feb.

ARRIVALS FROM
S.S. "MAUSANG" Sandakan 14th Feb.
S.S. "CHUNGBANG" Tientsin & Tientsin 15th Feb.
S.S. "WINGSANG" Keelung 17th Feb.
S.S. "TAKSANG" Japan & Keelung 18th Feb.

Cargo accepted on through bills of lading for MADRAS, TAWAU, LAHAD-DATU & SEMPORNA via Sandakan.

AUSTRALIA CHINA LINE LTD.
SAILINGS TO
m.v. "EASTERN SAGA" Japanese Ports 20th Feb.
m.v. "BALUCHISTAN" Japanese Ports 27th Feb.

ARRIVALS FROM
m.v. "EASTERN SAGA" Melbourne, Adelaide and Fremantle 23rd Feb.
m.v. "BALUCHISTAN" Melbourne, Sydney 24th Feb.
(Carrier's option to proceed via other ports to load/discharge)

GLEN LINE LTD.
SAILINGS TO U.K. AND CONTINENT VIA SUEZ
m.v. "GLENORCHY" Loads 19th sails 22nd February for Straits, Belawan, Colombo, Aden, Suez, Port Said, Tangier, Casablanca, London, Rotterdam, Hamburg & Antwerp. Due London 1st April.
(Carrier's option to proceed via other ports to load/discharge)

ARRIVALS FROM U.K. VIA STRAITS
Leaves London due Hong Kong
m.v. "GLENARTNEY" Now discharging at Hoi's Wharf
m.v. "GLENBURN" Sailed 23rd Feb.
m.v. "GLENBURN" Sailed 11th Mar.
m.v. "GLENBURN" Sailed 20th Feb.
m.v. "RADNORSHIRE" 4th Mar. 21st Mar. 8th Apr.

All outward vessels accept cargo for Japan Ports

PRINCE LINE LTD.
ARRIVALS FROM U.S. ATLANTIC & PACIFIC PORTS
Sails N.Y. Sails S.F. Due H.K.
m.v. "CHINESE PRINCE" Sailed 12th Feb. 18th Feb.
m.v. "BRITISH PRINCE" Sailed 12th Feb. 18th Feb.
m.v. "JAVANESE PRINCE" Sailed 14th Apr. 20th Apr. 24th May

SAILING TO HALIFAX, BOSTON & NEW YORK VIA SUEZ
m.v. "CHINESE PRINCE" Loads 24th February for Manila, Batavia, Singapore, Colombo, Port Said, Halifax, Boston & New York.

All above sailing & arrivals are subject to alteration without notice. All intending passengers are requested to register their names as far as possible in advance of the time at which they wish to leave.

PACIFIC TRANSPORT LINES

ARRIVALS FROM SAN FRANCISCO
Sails S.F. Due H.K.
S.S. "PHILIPPINE TRANSPORT" Sailed 24th Feb. 24th Feb.
S.S. "CHINA TRANSPORT" Sailed 12th Feb. 8th Mar.
S.S. "AMERICA TRANSPORT" Sailed 5th Mar. 20th Mar.
S.S. "PACIFIC TRANSPORT" Sailed 12th Mar. 4th Apr.

REGULAR SAILINGS TO U.S. PACIFIC COAST
Via Manila, Cebu & Los Angeles.
S.S. "PHILIPPINE TRANSPORT" Sailed 24th Feb. 24th Feb.
S.S. "AMERICA TRANSPORT" Sailed 5th Mar. 20th Mar.
S.S. "PACIFIC TRANSPORT" Sailed 12th Mar. 4th Apr.

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(A limited number of passages available for Japan, U.S.A. West and East Coast Ports.)

The vessel is expected to call for San Francisco via Okinawa on Tuesday afternoon.

San Francisco, February 10. Ship arrivals: General Simon B. Buckner, from Yokohama. Departure on February 9, Arizona for Manila.

Seattle ship arrival, Island Mail from Nakhon Phanom. Departure: Gothenburg for Manila. Associated Press.

SHIP MOVEMENTS
The ss. Great Republic (V.23) is due to arrive here at 11 a.m. today. She will be moored to Buoy A-1 for discharging/loading of her cargo.

SOUTH EAST PORTS
February 2nd wk. Norrevert (Everett) for Manila.
15 Hiram (Thorsen) for Bangkok.
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SOUTH AMERICA
February 2nd wk. Norrevert (Everett) for Manila.
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ROUND THE WORLD
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20, Cross Street, Tel. 24438

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CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

RAILINGS TO		
"KWEIYANG"	Keelung	5 p.m. 13th Feb.
"FUOCHOW"	Yokohama, Nagoya, Osaka & Kobe	5 p.m. 14th Feb.
"NANCHANG"	Tientsin & Kobe	5 p.m. 15th Feb.
"YCHOW"	Tientsin	5 p.m. 16th Feb.
"SHANSHI"	Yokohama, Nagoya, Osaka & Kobe	5 p.m. 16th Feb.
"SHENGKING"	Keelung	5 p.m. 18th Feb.
"KWEIYANG"	Salmon	5 p.m. 22nd Feb.
"FENGTEEN"	Singapore, Penang & Belawan	5 p.m. 22nd Feb.
"SZECHUEN"	Bangkok	5 p.m. 23rd Feb.
"ANILU"	Singapore & Penang	5 p.m. 24th Feb.

ARRIVALS FROM		
"SHANSHI"	Singapore	13th Feb.
"SHENGKING"	Keelung	14th Feb.
"FOYANG"	Tientsin	15th Feb.
"HUPEH"	Tientsin	15th/16th Feb.

RIVER SERVICE		
Hongkong/Macau	Macau/Hongkong	
Dept. Hongkong	7 a.m. Tues., Wed., Fri. & Sat.	
2 p.m. daily	5 p.m. Sunday	

BLUE FUNNEL LINE		
Scheduled Sailings to Europe via Aden & Port Said.		
"AGAPENOR"	Genoa, Marseilles, Liverpool & Glasgow	22nd Feb.
"PELEUS"	North Africa & Liverpool	7th Mar.
ARRIVALS FROM		
"PELEUS"	U.K. via Straits & Manilla	In Port
"AGNEAS"	U.K. & Rotterdam via Straits & Manilla	14th Feb.
"AUTOMEDON"	U.K. & Rotterdam via Straits & Manilla	3rd Mar.
"MACHAON"	U.K. via Straits	12th Mar.
"PATROCLUS"	U.K. via Straits	14th Mar.

NEW YORK SERVICE		
"AGAMEMNON"	Arr. from USA via Manilla	End of March
Carriers option to proceed via other Ports to load & discharge cargo.		

AUSTRALIAN ORIENTAL LINE LTD./CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD. JOINT SERVICE		
SAILINGS TO		
"TAIYUAN"	Japan	23rd Feb.
ARRIVALS FROM		
"TAIYUAN"	Australia & Manilla	19th Feb.

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LOADING 13th FEBRUARY

MANILA, SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ,
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Army squash championships

The first round of Army Squash Championships was played yesterday at Victoria Squash Club.

Results were as follows:
Captain Stewart beat 2/Lt. Thomas 9-1, 9-2, 9-1.
Major Yates beat Major Sale 9-3, 9-4, 9-4.
Major Coplestone W. O. Major Hedley (Ser.)
Captain Clayton beat 2/Lt. Maynard 7-0, 9-7, 9-4, 9-3.
Major Whentcroft beat Captain Seaton 10-8, 9-0, 9-3.
Captain McDonald W. O. Captain Shipster (Ser.)
2/Lt. Hodgkinson beat 2/Lt. Maclelland 9-7, 9-5, 9-0, 9-5.
Captain Tighe W. O. Major Hardy (Ser.)
Lieutenant Lambie beat 2/Lt. Mann.

Colonel Burridge beat Captain Carter 13-11, 7-0, 9-1, 9-2.

Stewart had far too much experience and guile for such a young player as Thomas, who nevertheless played bravely.

Yates, in beating Sale, showed better control than his opponent.

Greater variety of shots, which enabled him to win against a player who was wholehearted and kept trying.

In the match between Clayton and Maynard, Clayton allowed himself, at the start, to be forced into a game of hard hitting, and it was only as the match went on that he regained his touch.

He played some delicate dropshots and used the court cleverly. Maynard, on the other hand, was always trying hard, but Clayton kept him at full stretch and he was forced into mistakes which he would not ordinarily have made. This was the best match of the round.

Seaton started well against Whentcroft, but fell away as the match progressed, while Carter did similarly against Colonel Burridge.

Hodgkinson and Maclelland, both very fit, had an energetic game. Hodgkinson winning a close match.

Hodgkinson went on later to beat McDonald in the second round by 10-4, 4-0, 9-4, 9-4.

Today's games

The second round will be completed this afternoon, the programme being—
3 p.m. Captain Griffiths v 2/Lt. Barwick. Captain Stewart v Major Yates.

3.35 p.m. Major Coplestone v Major Thomas. Captain McAllister. Captain Clayton v Major Whentcroft.

4 p.m. Captain Tighe v Lieutenant Lambie. Colonel Burridge v Lt. Col. Vickers or Lt. Terber. 4.30 p.m. 2/Lt. Buckley v Lt. Col. Edgar.

Launching of ketch

The 45-foot ketch *Marinette* was launched at the Wing On Shipyard, Cheungshan, yesterday, to mark the completion of the first reconstruction work of its kind in the Colony.

The owners, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Nicklen, entertained guests aboard on a trial run after the successful launching.

The *Marinette*, which was originally brought to Hong Kong from England to be reconstructed into a naval patrol launch for the Admiralty, is equipped with amenities for pleasure cruises.

Her spacious lounge can accommodate 10 passengers comfortably. The skipper's cabin in the forward part has improvised bunkers for extra passengers.

A trim-looking galley is equipped with a kerosene cooking apparatus.

The two-masted ketch was remodelled by the Wing On Shipyard on a modern design specially meant for pleasure craft.

Softball:

Spotlight moves over to Junior League

(By "GRANDSTAND")

After a gruelling home-stretch effort, most of the top Senior League teams indulge in a well-earned rest in preparation for the international series fixed for next week. The spotlight moves over to the Junior League today, as the decisions of two tussles will have an important bearing on the league standings.

The pick of the Senior League games today will be the Pandas v St. Joseph's affair arranged for noon.

Recently the Pandas have slipped several times with the result that their supporters, who have showered them with glowing praise, are somewhat disappointed. Tomorrow will be their last chance to redeem themselves.

The Saints, who are certain of a play-off berth for the Championship, will not take things easy and will field their strongest possible line-up, with the exception of Stan Leonard, who will not be available.

The Saint battery will be Sherry Bucks and Capone Rumball with Art Ozorio, Dave Leonard and Benny Omar forming the infield. Outfielders will be George Souza, Dim Abiang and Frankie Goncalves.

The Pandas have always been a good fielding team with so few batting strengths. The recent addition of Leung to the team, who smacked a round-tripper in his initial game last week, should bolster up the necessary hitting power.

Two more games

Madcaps have two more games to play before completing their programme, one against Cubs and the other against Overseas.

To preserve their standing in the league, they will go all out to take their opponents.

Blackhawks and Jaguars cross bats in a crucial Junior game at 10.30 a.m. Both outfits are in the thick of the race for leadership and at this stage it seems the losers will be out of the race.

Ren Sequiera, coaching the Hawks, has a powerful outfit of long ball hitters and it took the Jays 12 eventful innings to nose them out in their first encounter.

In view of Jose Ribero's recent erratic play, it is doubtful whether the Hawks will start him on the rubber and it looks as if the task will fall to the lot of Joey Green, with Alvaro Souza catching.

Show good form

The hustling Jaguars have shown good form recently, and on the strength of their show against the Rebels last week, should make things difficult for the Hawks.

Mentor Lionel Sequiera will start Roberto Silva with instructions to groove them, trusting to his sure-fire fielders, sparked by Steve Xavier in the windy alley. The final verdict will be close, and the margin will probably be a single run.

Entries for the Inter-hong league will close on February 23, and teams wishing to participate should send in the names of their players to Hon. Secretary E. W. Hollands, 7, Leighton Hill Rd., before that date.

Yesterday's games

Sparked by Reggie Silva's base-clearing homer in the third which started a seven-run rally, the Aces triumphed over Griffins 17-7, while Spartans edged

Sports personality:

Miss Noelle Simmons



Noelle Simmons was born in Shanghai on Boxing Day 1927, and had her education at the Public Thomas Hanbury High School where, even in her early youth, she showed an inclination for sports.

While Noelle is well-known among sporting circles in Shanghai, she made her debut only a little over a year ago, when the uncertain situation at the northern port made it necessary for her firm to transfer her to our shores.

In the short time she has been in this Colony, Noelle has made many friends, and this is not unnatural, for she takes to almost every sport except swimming, which she has never attempted seriously.

Hockey and softball are Noelle's present favourites, with tennis and badminton ranking close.

While at Shanghai, Noelle represented the Catholic Federation at hockey and softball, winning the championship for the diamond sport with an unbeaten record.

No doubt her fleetness of foot helped a lot, for Noelle was a very fast sprinter in her schooldays.

The Pirates were quick to sign Noelle on the softball team which is in the Senior League, and she has since proved a valuable acquisition to the team.

While on the subject of Softball, Noelle received a nasty blow on her nose from a foul ball at a recent game but, as she says, she must take the rough with the smooth in sports.

Noelle reads a lot, although she has no particular favourite author; being the youngest in a family of five, she takes life cheerfully.

Noelle is also strictly a left-hander, both in and off the field of sport, for she even writes with her left hand.

Vital statistics: Blonde, height 5' 3", weight 107.

N.T. Table Tennis League

The following are the present standings of the different teams in the New Territories Table Tennis League—

	P	W	L	Pts
1st Bn KSLI	7	6	1	12
27th Field Regt RE	11	0	0	12
1st Bn The Middlesex Regt	5	0	0	10
26th Field Regt RE	6	5	10	10
2nd Bn RE	8	5	2	10
21st Bn Inf Bde	8	4	3	10
Cafeteria Camp	8	4	3	10
22nd Field Regt RE	6	2	3	10
17th Field Ambulance RASC	2	2	1	4
1st Bn A & S	5	1	2	10
1st Bn KOBI	5	1	2	10
26th Field Regt RE	6	1	2	10
20th (East)	6	1	2	10
11th Inf Bde	1	1	2	10

Victor Neumann, who died in Saigon on January 10 at the age of 37, took place at the Colonial Cemetery in the presence of his widow.

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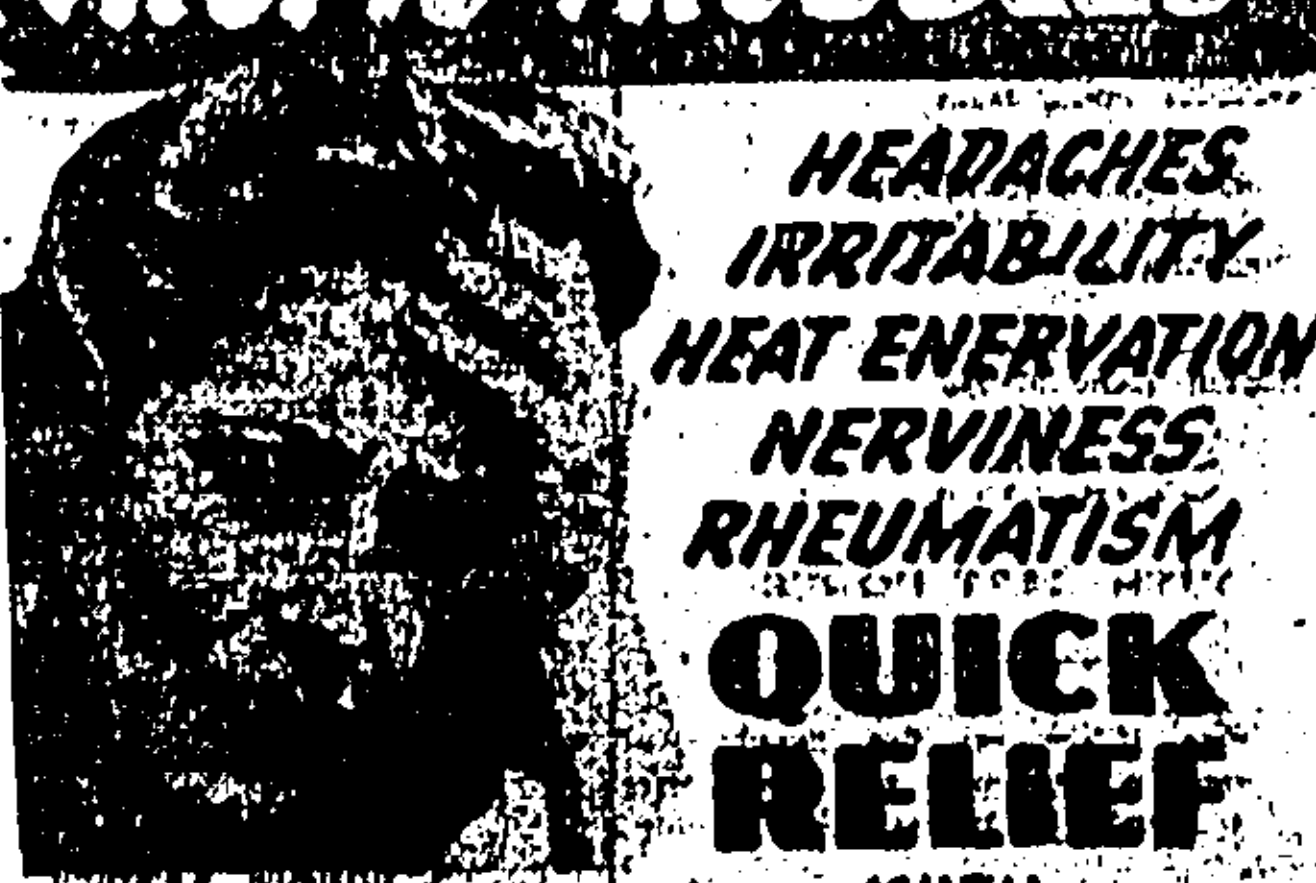
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